The Coterie

Martinsville, Indiana.

Nineteen Hundred Eight.

Constitution

Article I.

This club shall be known as The Coterie.

Article II.

The object of this Club shall be to promote the intellectual and social culture of its members.

Article III

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Program Committee, consisting of three members.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in ~~March~~ February by an absolute majority vote of the membership, except the Program Committee, which shall be appointed by the President-elect within two weeks after her election. These officers shall enter upon their respective duties the first meeting in the following club year, except the Pro-

gram Committee, whose duty it shall be to proceed at once to the preparation of the program for the ensuing year.
Section 3. The duties of the President, Secretary-Treasurer and Program Committee shall be such as usually pertain to these offices in similar organizations.

Article IV.

Section 1. The membership in this Club shall be classified as follows: Active, Corresponding and Associate.
Section 2. The active membership shall not exceed twenty members.
Section 3. The name of a person proposed for membership shall be presented to the Club in writing with the endorsement of three members.
Section 4. Election for membership shall be by ballot at the next regular meeting following the presentation to the Club.
Section 4. Only active members can present names for membership and no member can present more

than once name on the same year.

Amendment, accepted May 25. 1925.

Three votes (negative) shall defeat a candidate for membership.

By-Laws

No. 1- The regular meetings shall be held on Tuesday afternoons, dates fixed by Program Committee.

No. 2- Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business

No. 3- The annual dues shall be fifty cents payable to the Secretary-Treasurer before the third regular meeting of the Club year.

No. 4- It shall be the duty of members to entertain the Club at one regular meeting annually, at which she may serve a lunch consisting of not more than three things.

To perform all duties assigned by the Program Committee.

To attend all meetings unless unavoidably prevented.

No. 5- A failure to perform any of these duties without notifying the Secretary shall forfeit membership.

No. 6 - Any member who finds herself unable to attend a regular meeting shall upon her first knowledge of the same notify the hostess of her intended absence.

No. 7 - In the event of death in the home of any member the Secretary shall send a floral offering in the name of the Club.

No. 8 - Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings without sending a written excuse to the Secretary forfeits membership.

No. 9 - Membership may be terminated
1. By resignation
2. By non payment of dues.

No. 10 - Any member having lost active membership by removal from the city or continued absence from city during Club year shall be transferred to corresponding list.

No. 11 - This Constitution and By-Laws shall become binding immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of members.

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History.

In the early autumn of 1898 a number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. H. N. Conner to organize a club whose purpose should be to promote a higher social and literary attainment.

During the club year of 1898-1899 Mrs. H. L. Mitchell was President and we read St. Ives by Robert Louis Stevenson.

There was no fixed program that year but a portion was allotted at stated times to time for reading a certain number of chapters or pages. The story was discussed in an informal way after the reading was ended.

The second year we aspired to higher things and had a President and secretary, Mrs. [illegible] and Miss [illegible] serving as Treasurer. [illegible] committees of three members [illegible] also a new feature.

[illegible] pleasant or very pleasant and [illegible] place [illegible] taking the place of my [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] history as the facts were [illegible] the story. In this year we adopted the motto "I give that you may give", signifying the mutual interest and responsibility assumed by each individual.

In the year 1915 we had followed the blue color and the flower stage of our existence. Pink and green ribbon in extra quantity [illegible] comprehensive program and the book [illegible] was chrysanthemum as our flower. That year the program announced [illegible] Poets and Music. We remembered, by listening, every bit of program, the readings from the poets but the only music that we recall is the orchestra. That there is immortality the name of the future but after this first observance of the hour of [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] and dark [illegible] from [illegible] and [illegible] brought about by lack of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the

names of the members of the club
Orchestra.
Mrs. H. L. Mitchell was President and
Mrs. H. G. McNutt secretary.

The fourth year 1901-1902 the
Club was President and Mrs. H. G.
McNutt secretary for the club, and
the year was spent in the study
of Holmes's Autocrat of the Breakfast
Table. From October 21st to July,
1902 we studied this book and became
so thoroughly familiar with it that
none of us had ever been able to
recognize probable theft of its power.

The fifth year 1902-1903 the Club
began the study of Shakespeare's dramas
and have continued the work to the
present time, taking first the tragedy
of Julius Caesar.
Mrs. Meads was President and Mrs.
Brown secretary.

In 1903-04 Lowell and
Emerson and Carlyle were studied
Mrs. H. G. McNutt was President and
Mrs. Mitchell was secretary.

In 1904-1905 the Club studied
the tragedy of Macbeth and the essays

Twelfth Night with Mrs. W. A. [illegible] as president and Mrs. Walter [illegible] as secretary.

[illegible] the Merchant of Venice [illegible] for 1895-1896 Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. J. F. [illegible] served as chairman and secretary.

During [illegible] we studied Hamlet and did [illegible] Night's Dream under Mrs. Byron Terpenning as president and Miss Margaret Shirley as secretary-treasurer.

The present year 1907-1908 we have Long Lear and Romeo and Juliet, President Mrs. [illegible], secretary-treasurer Mrs. W. A. Crosby.

In the few years of our life as a club death has entered twice, once for Miss Mary Woods died at Saugatuck and in October 1906 Mrs. [illegible] Mary died at her home in this city.

The membership of the club has always been limited to twenty members, since its organization fifty odd ladies have been members of the Literia. Of these the following are living: [illegible] Mrs. Daily, [illegible], Mrs. E. H.

Good, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. H. M. McPhatt, Mrs. W. C. Mitchell (Associate) and Mrs. Reiner.

The following ladies have withdrawn from the club for various reasons Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. N. E. Nutter, Mrs. Steiner, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Otis Mayo and by removal from the city, Mrs. Spilman, Mrs. Markley, Mrs. Geo. W. Gore, Miss Nell Bartel and Miss Huff Webb.

That we have lived up to the purpose of the club, that of higher social and literary attainment is easily realized by those members who have lived in the club since its organization. We have, each year, taken advanced work. Since we began the study of Shakespeare, four years ago, we have felt the difference in our method of study. In taking up Julius Caesar we had Shakespearian Play, read it and personal comments ended the discussions. Now we are familiar with such commentators as Johnson, Clarke, Snyder, Coleridge, Jackson, Gervinus and others equally well known.

Neither has our social life been

wholly neglected. 'Tis [illegible]
sad thoughts [illegible] to
the [illegible] social events in the Lotus.
Who does not still retain the little band
British soldiers that was given as a
favor at the Lotus tea-party held in
the home of Mr. & Mrs. [illegible] in
September 1900; or feel a few pangs of
hunger when we think of the little
and culinary treat we enjoyed at the
Barmecide banquet held at the home
of Mr. & Mrs. Huff on Jefferson St. one
[illegible] Friday evening at Mr. & Mrs. [illegible];
the pleasant [illegible] at Mr. & Mrs. Hardesty's
on Jefferson St. that [illegible] dinner
at the Robertson Cafe, [illegible] and
the jabber [illegible] the Lotus members
and their friends enjoyed last [illegible]
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huff;

The club year of 1908-1909 began Oct-
ober 27th with the observance of
President's Day at the home of Mrs.
G. S. Conner. The conversation "Red
Letter Days of Childhood" with Mrs.
F. W. Probst as leader was most in-
teresting.

During the year we studied Shak-
spear's Romeo & Juliet and Van Dyke's
Fisherman's Luck, deriving much
benefit from both.

The social events were numer-
ous, among them a Halloween
party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. G. S.
Hubbs with a feast of good things
to eat and fun lovers enjoyed.

There was a party for March
given by Mrs. J. H. Jordan to the
Scotia bachelor of Mrs. H. A. Conner
who was to leave soon for residence
in Globe, Arizona; also an oyster
dinner at the Highland Sanitarium
given by the Club with Mrs. Conner
as honor guest; and a celebration of
the Fast of Melbourne with Mrs.
G. Robinson and Mrs. E. T. Tuckey as
hostesses.

Her death marked the years that
of Margaret Shirley who departed
this life July 2, 1909 after an illness
of almost a year.

The Coterie observed Presidents Day September 28, 1909 at the home of Mrs. H. J. Hinson.
Mrs. C. G. Renner was leader of the conversation - "What all the world is talking about". Just at that time the world was talking about the discovery of the north pole by Cook or Peary. Needless to say the conversation did not lag. Letters were read from two corresponding members, Mrs. Cooner of Globe, Arizona and Mrs. Murphy of Sullivan, Ind. A surprise to the club was the presentation to each member of a butterfly pin, the gift of Mrs. Cooner. The officers of the club for the year 1909 and 1910 were Mrs. H. J. Hinson, President, Mrs. C. W. Thom Secretary - Treasurer. Mrs. Thom later removed from the city and Mrs. J. C. McNutt was elected to fill the unexpired term. The work for the year was Shakespeare's King John, American Present day Writers, American Humorists, American Painters and Flower Fables and Fancies.

Two new members were voted in Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Murry Bain

January first the club gave a reception in the athletic club rooms, entertaining the members of the other clubs in Martinsville.

The club year closes May 21, 1900, with a guest meeting held at the home of Mrs. Baily.

Coterie 1910, 1911. Sep. 27. 1910

The club year for 1910 and 1911 began with Mrs. Hart as President opening the day at her home on South Maine St.

The neat little speech given by the new Pres. was prefaced with this appropriate quotation

"We are old friends old friends,
Still found in the silver chain"

After which the club sang the beautiful hymn "Blest be the Tie that binds." The sentiment so touching for the occasion that each member felt a newer warmer friendship for the other.

Miss Lillian Hart and Mrs. E. G. Mitchell charmed the guests with several musical selections followed by a reading by Mrs. M. G. Mitchell an associate member subject Mr. Cox's Reminiscence the closing part of which was very interesting and so patriotic that at its close Miss Hart invited Mrs. Mitchell, a accompanied, to give a medley of patriotic airs on the violin. The readers might enjoy a very original poem "Inside the Flag" the last stanza.

Games were played, and the usual fine refreshments were delightfully rendered on the main floor.

The decorations in the parlors were in the national colors, and the luncheon served was admirable.

Ladies of the club near Beaver with their husbands numbered enrolled.

Mrs. E. V. Baum	Mrs. Horace Mayer.
Mrs. J. M. Bard	Mrs. C. C. McNeil
Mrs. A. F. Bartlett	Mrs. J. D. Meiredith.
Mrs. C. M. Caldwell	Mrs. O. H. Reiner.
Mrs. Harry Dickson.	Mrs. A. C. Robinson
Mrs. C. McCrea Foss.	Mrs. J. C. Robinson.
Mrs. J. M. Hart	Mrs. M. L. Sandy.
Mrs. A. L. Johnson	Mrs. T. Woods.
Mrs. C. S. Hull	Mrs. M. M. McNutt.
Mrs. J. M. Jordan.	Mrs. C. M. Williams.

Officers for Year.

President. Mrs. J. M. Hart.
Sec. Treas. Mrs. A. F. Bartlett.
Vice Pres. Mrs. C. M. Foss.

Blankenship –

October 11, 1911.

In planning for the study of King Richard II the program committee prepared parts of Eva Nichols' play led up to King Richard's reign. The first of these programs was King Henry III and King Edward I's reign. A paper on Wm. C. C. McDuff in a very interesting study at the home of Mrs. G. T. Blankenship. The welcomes for the occasion being "Great Lorna Americane"

After social hour and refreshments club adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. L. Kane. October 25, 1911.

Correction – The club unanimously voted the club should apply for membership in the State Federation of clubs. Sec. advised to write for application credentials &c. The membership fees were increased 25cts. in order to meet Federation dues. The membership fees will be 75 cents for each year.

Pauly

October 24th 1910.

The Coterie met with Mrs E. B. Pauly Monday evening at 7:30.
Era History continued - taking up the reign of King Edward II and King Edward III. Mrs Wood led in the study which as it was with her was especially given.
The business of the meeting was voting on a delegate to the State Federation to convene at Richmond. Mrs A. G. Mitchell was chosen.
Membership dues were collected in part.
A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess after the resolutions on Club Litigation.
Adjourned to meet with Mrs Sandy. Nov. 7th.

Sandy.

Nov. 1

A very pleasant meeting was held with Mrs. J. Sandy. The regular order of business disposed of. Mrs. Hunt gave the history of King Richard II.

Mrs. L. L. Mitchell gave a very pleasant report of the Federation.

Six members were present and two visitors. Mrs. James Glover & Miss Robert Simpson favored the club by their presence.

"Noted Englishmen & Rulers" served quite a venue for conversation while the usual good things to eat were enjoyed. Invited to meet with Mrs. L. L. Mitchell Nov. 22.

Nov. 22. 1911.

Mrs. A. J. Mitchell was hostess Sunday afternoon Nov 22 for the meeting of the coterie. After the literary work was finished, a delicious five course luncheon was served. Scalloped oysters, hot biscuits, salad and lettuce, followed by mincemeat pie, ice cream, and coffee. There was a birthday in each plate but also a reminder of the thankfulness that his life had been saved from the imminent harm of his friend, for he was but a feeble paper made souvenir. The guests thoroughly enjoyed the surprise of the Thanksgiving idea.

It was voted to meet with Mrs. Mitchell Nov. 29.

Nov. 29. Lecture 1910

A very pleasant afternoon was spent with Mrs Owen Mrs Nutt. Mrs Hart in the chair.

No old or new business coming before the club the regular program was taken up with Mrs Handy as leader.

King Richard II Act I Scene II-III to line 177 was very able, powerful, interesting the club very much. Responses on current events probably moved the members to talk more as each one certainly felt they could converse more elocutionary on some topic that particularly appealed to them and they improved the opportunity which made this afternoon very enjoyable. Mrs [illegible] was the invited guest.

Mrs Mc Nutt's hospitality is never questioned the luncheon was all that could be desired.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs E. Robinson Dec 13.

Robinson

Dec 13. 1910.

The Notes met with Mrs. Robinson
Mrs Prewett leader in the lesson.
from Richard II Act I Scene III from line
117 Scene IV
Redpower – Commundrum brought out
much very taken remarks.
The lessons are always very interesting
each one bringing out some new
phase of character study.
Mrs Robinson did her self credit in the
nice lunch served, so into reputation as
hostess in Mill Lake.
No business came up at this meeting so
the commundrum to take or not to eat was
carried by the always hungry ones.
Adjourned to meet with Mrs. L. H. Smith
Jan 3 1911.

Jan 3rd 1911.

The regular meeting of the Coterie took place at the home of Mrs P. O. McNutt. Mrs Hart Pres promptly opening the meeting. Old business disposed of new business presented in the form of the resignation of Mrs F. G. Robinson. The leader Mrs Blankenship conducted the lesson through Act II scene 1 to line 223. in King Richard II. After the lesson the responses - New Year's Resolutions was very much enjoyed. Five visitors were heartily welcomed by the club - Mesdames Gene Sherman, Ira Eubank, Anna Parks, W. W. Dimmock and Mrs - of Yankakee - house guest of the hostess. After a very pleasant social hour the members separated to meet with Mrs Benner Jan 17.

Rennes.

Jan 14. 1911.

The meeting opened with very few members present. Mrs Hoit presiding.
No old business to transact the new was immediately entered into, as there was a vacancy in the membership roll it was announced the presentation of names should be a work. The following names are as they will come in order at any vacancy. Mrs E. P. Jones first, Mrs W E Clarke second. Mrs Dra Eubanks third.
As only one vacancy occurred Mrs E P. Jones was voted to fill the place and the sec, appointed to notify her.
The lesson, Act III Scene I from line 223. Scene II was led in a very pleasing manner by Mrs W. M. McCutt Responses on "Universities" proved a very interesting part of the programme.
Mrs Rennes hostess for this occasion served delicious refreshments Miss Martha and her home guest serving.
Adjourned to meet with Mrs. McDickson Jan 23rd

Jan. 31. 1911

The Coterie was entertained at the home of Mrs Dickson Two members absent. Pres Mrs Hart in the chair Sec announced Mrs Jones acceptance of the invitation extended her by the club to fill vacancy.

No business to dispose of Mrs Bailey took up Act III-IV of Richard II and gave a very fine explanation of the work for the afternoon, following this were the responses - Original Rhymes and notwithstanding the Coteries reputation for doing well all things these productions surpassed past efforts. The sec should like to record all these rhymes, but they thinking "Some worth rarely bold" would not permit.

The usual social hour followed and the Coterie reluctantly adjourned the next meeting to be with Mrs Williams Feby 1st.

Mc Kutt.

Special meeting

For some time previous to this meeting it was known we were to loose our valuable and much loved member Mrs Renner by removal to California so to do her honor and give her a slight manifestation of our regard for her it was decided to have a farewell evening meeting. Farewells at best are very serious but to avoid all this a bright and lively musical program was prepared and a full lunch that surpassed all past attempts. The evening was passed very pleasantly until the good bye must be said then the tear glistened on the cheek, the suppressed sobs would not down and we trembling bid our friend good by, we hope not for long and yet sent with her many kind thoughts and wishes for her future welfare wherever fate places her. Mrs Renner asked that she be continued as a member of Coterie which was heartily granted.

Williams

Feby 7. 1911.

Regardless of the steady downpour of rain a goodly number of the Coterie met at the home of Mrs Williams to take part in the lesson led by Mrs Hoult who brought out many new points in the character and purposes in Act III Scene I – II of Richard II

The responses on current events which always bring up something for a good conversational topic was especially so on this occasion as this was nearing St Valentine day refreshments served were suggestive of that day by the hostess and tho all looked dark without, within all was bright and cheery.

Adjourned to meet with Mrs Hoult Feb 21st.

Huff.

Feby 21. 1911.

The Coterie was entertained at the home of Mrs Huff one member absent and four visitors present.
Under the efficient leadership of Mrs Bain Act III Scene III of Richard II was highly appreciated and the responses "Great Canals" was very instructive information.
Following the pleasant literary part of the program we were invited to the dining room gaily decorated in the colonial colors with one voice we exclaimed Washington's birthday! A pretty scene greeted us in the decoration and an appetizing cherry luncheon was our delight.
Mrs Bartell and guest a sister of Mr Huff and Mrs Harrold were guests of the Coterie who gave them the glad hand
Adjourned to meet with Mrs Jordan March 21st.

Jordan.

March 21. 1911

The Coterie met with Mrs Jordan in its regular meeting Mrs Goss vice pres. in the chair.
The meeting opened with suggestions for next years work. After due deliberation it was decided to take Henry IV. then followed the election of officers with the following result—

Pres Mrs Hart
Vice Pres Mrs Goss
Sec; Treas. Mrs Cauble.

The lesson for the day was Act III Scene IV. Act IV Scene I to line 162. led by Mrs Williams in a forcible manner which suggested much study on her part. The responses which were of "Irish wit" brought out numerous jokes and great merriment. After these the ladies decided that would accept the athletic club's invitation to use their room for entertainment. corn, apple, and a lenic supper planned to take place at an early date. adjourned to meet with Mrs Gr. March 24.

Goss.

March 24 1911.

Mrs. Goss entertained the Coterie in a profitable meeting. After the literary part as always given by Mrs. Gamble the responses were on a subject so near and dear to the heart of the average woman and especially to the Coterie ladies. "Household suggestions" They proved to be many on this occasion and very valuable as the Coterie are all housekeepers above reproach this evening was a very acceptable one.

Mrs. Goss proved her ability in practice as well as suggestion by the luncheon she served her friends.

The next meeting other than the picnic to meet April 11th.

Pic Nic Supper Athletic Rooms. 35

Perhaps the most enjoyable time in the life of the Coterie this year was the pic nic supper at the Athletic Club Rooms. The House committee of the Athletic Club kindly tendered the use of their rooms to this club for entertainment some time in March. Their invitation accepted - a picnic for the club families was planned and it was a great success socially. The spread so temptingly prepared - the husbands only hoped such an affair would be repeated often.
The Coterie feel grateful to the Athletic club for the use of their parlors and will be glad to return the favor in any way possible.

Gamble

April 11. 1911.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the year was with Mrs Gamble. No old or new business before the meeting. Mrs Jones gave the lessons Act V Scene I-II followed by the responses on current events. A surprise to the coterie was meeting Mrs. Gambles club friends from Indpls, whose acquaintance they thoroughly enjoyed.

After the literary work the social hour was indeed delightful. Miss Remyers guest from N.Y. favored the company with several musical selections and the general easy manner in which one club met the other made the time pass all too soon. A nicely prepared luncheon was served and before going the guest enrolled their names on Mrs Gambles friendship list.

To meet with Mrs Bain April 25

Bain.

April 25 1911.

Mrs Bain was hostess for the Lyceum and Mrs Bozz leader in Act V. Scene I. of King Richard II.

Prominent women of today was discussed with much fervor. Women of to day are no braver, no truer, than in the past but conditions have made her more prominent so says one who a number pointed out [illegible] the fact this was a woman's meeting full of love for her sex as the responses called forth.

The afternoon was spent profitably and the social part receiving due homage by its fair minded women as Mrs Bain gracefully served the dainty refreshments.

The next meeting to be with Mrs Hinson. May 9.

Henson.

May 9. 1911.

As the last chapter of Richard II drew near we were equally as interested as when we first began and as Mrs Jordan gave the question in Act I V. Scene IV. V. VI. we still liked the study and tried to follow our leader to the end.

"Women of the Bible" proved to be alive response.

Several members were absent.

The president called for the usual order of business, No old business, new business was taken up. Mrs Hirt presented a communication from George Hutchinson of Bedford, asking the Coterie to either make a contribution or give an entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to raise a Loan Scholarship Fund which the Indiana Federation was pledged to. The Coterie after carefully discussing the question decided to leave the matter for further consideration in the club year 1911. 1912.

Mrs C. H. Gamble was elected as delegate to the Fifth district of Federated Clubs at Greencastle May 16, 1911.
At the same time Mrs P. Blankenship was elected a delegate to the State Federation of clubs to convene at Indianapolis in October Mrs Mitchell alternate
Nothing further coming before the club refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs Hanson during a very pleasant social hour.

The next meeting to be with Mrs F. W. Woods.

Woods.

The last of the Coterie meetings was spent socially with Mrs Woods in an evening meeting. The hostess prepared a program literary and musical to the delight of her guests, serving refreshments that were refreshing this warm June evening.

The Coterie reluctantly separated until the new year bids them take up the work so ably planned by the program committee.

The next years work to be Henry IV and Ingomar the Barbarian, with some miscellaneous

Hart - Sep. 16, 1911.

The Coterie's President's Day for the opening of the year 1911-1912 was observed at the home of Mrs. Hart Saturday afternoon September the sixteenth. After a short time spent in pleasant greetings in the parlors we were seated at small tables in the Japanese-looking dining room, during a three course luncheon, delicious, and beautifully served, the former presidents each gave a short talk - most of them telling of the trip or visit taken during the summer. The afternoon was most enjoyable.

Mrs. Robinson - Sep. 26.

Program given as in year book.
A motion was made and carried that the Coterie give $2.00 to the Scholarship Loan Fund.
There were 17 members present and 3 visitors.

Mrs. D. D. Mitchel - Oct. 10.

Program as in Year Book -
16 members and guest present.
(Mrs. Goss, Secy. Pro Tem)

Mrs. J. C. McIlvott - Oct. 24.

Program as in Year Book -

An invitation was read from the Martinsville Romanis Club asking us to attend a joint

meeting of the Federated Clubs of Martinsville on Friday afternoon, November third, in the Masonic Club Parlors.
18 members and 1 visitor were present.
The sum of $5.00 was given to Mrs. Mitchell as delegate to the State Federation meeting at Indianapolis; $2.00 was for the Scholarship Loan Fund and $3.00 for our dues.

November 7 - 7:30 P. M.
Mrs. E. D. Bailey hostess
Word Study - Mrs. Hoods
Henry IV, Act II & Part I - Leader, Mrs. J. C. McNutt.
Responses - James Whitcomb Riley.
Music - Selections from Riley - Two songs were sung by Miss George, Supervisor of music in the schools.
All of the members were present and Miss George and Mrs. Bachelor.
Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room.

November 21 - Mrs. E. P. Jones
Word Study - Mrs. Blankenship
Henry IV, Act III & Part I - Leader, Mrs. C. H. Smith.
Discussion - "The Greatest Evil of our time."

There were 17 members present and two visitors - Miss Musgrave and Mrs. Byron Hauff.
Refreshments were served following the program -

Dec. 5 - Mrs. H. M. McDutt. 1.30 P.M.
The meeting was held a week earlier than scheduled. There were fourteen members and five visitors present. The regular program as printed in Year Book was given.
A social hour and delicious refreshments followed the program.

Dec. 22 nd. Mrs. H. J. Sandy -
The meeting was held Saturday following the regular Tuesday.
There were twelve members and three visitors who listened to and took part in the program as outlined in Year Book.
Refreshments were served at small tables in the dining room where 6 hostesses

decorations prevailed.

January 9 - Mrs. F. H. Woods.
Word Study - - - Mrs. Myron Dickson.
Henry IV, Act I of Part II - Leader, Mrs. A. M. Bain.
Discussion - - Current Events.

Jan. 23 - Mrs. C. J. H. Gras.
Word Study - - - Mrs. H. M. McNutt,
Henry IV, Act II of Part II - - - Leader, Mrs. J. E. Robinson
Conversation - - - Little Economies in the Home.

January 30 - Mrs. J. H. Jordan.
Word Study - - - - Mrs. J. B. McNutt
Henry IV, Act III of Part II - - - Leader, Mrs. J. H. Hart.
Responses - - - Special Topics.

February 13 - Mrs. H. J. Hinman.
Word Study Study - - - - Mrs. D. D. Mitchel
Henry IV, Act IV of Part II - - Leader, Mrs. J. H. Williams.
Responses - Original Poem for a Valentine, or Best Anecdote of Lincoln.

February 27 - Mrs. Blankenship at the Martinsville Sanitarium - The Program was given as outlined in Year Book. There were sixteen members present. A Motion was made and seconded that we continue the study of Shakespeare's historical plays, taking up King Henry V next. The motion prevailed.

March 12 - 1912. Mrs. Myron Dickson
Election of officers was held with the following result: Pres. - Mrs. H. J. Sandy,
Vice President -- Mrs. Dickson,
Sec'y & Treasurer -- Mrs. Gamble,
State Federation Delegate - Mrs. F. H. Woods
A motion was made and carried that we give $2 to the General Federation Endowment Fund.
Mrs. Sandy read the paper "Shakespeare's Heroines & Comedy" written by Mrs. Ira Eubank. A delightful social and musical hour followed.

March 19, 1912. Mrs. Horace Major.
We began the study of "Lugonor, The Barbarian" with Mrs. Blankenship as leader. The program committee appointed for next year is: Mrs. Huff (Chairman) Mrs. Goss and Mrs. Jones. (Mrs. Woods was later appointed to take place of Mrs. Huff who resigned)

April 9, 1912. Mrs. A. M. Bain
Book Study was omitted - Longman, Sect II was studied with Mrs. Dickson as leader, and conversation was on Special Topics. Delicious refreshments and social hour followed the program.

April 23, 1912 - Mrs. C. H. Caulle.
Book Study - Mrs. Geo. Longman, Sect. III - Leader, Mrs. H. M. McDutt - Responses - Biennial Events. A motion was made and carried that the Coterie assist in entertaining the Second District Convention next Spring, if it comes to Martinsville. A motion was also made and carried that we signify our willingness to join a local Federation of Federated Clubs.

April 30th - Mrs. J. H. Williams
May 14th - Mrs. Lou Walker
Both of these meetings were well attended and carried out the programs as printed in the Year Book, except that Mrs. Jordan did not attend for Lent.

May 28th - Mrs. Huff -
This meeting was indefinitely postponed

Coterie - 1912 - 1913 -
Officers for the year - Pres. - Mrs. H. J. Landy, Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Dickson, Secy & Treas. - Mrs. Gamble.
President's Day was observed Tuesday afternoon, Sep. 24th. - when Mrs. Landy, the President and hostess entertained the club at the Martinsville sanitarium. The formal session was held in the beautiful sun parlors. At six o'clock dinner was served in the dining room.
Mrs. D. D. Mitchell gave piano selections and Miss Mathews, of Cincinnati, guest of Mrs. Dickson, gave a reading.

On October the eighth, the club had a Guest day meeting with Mrs. Reminder as hostess. A delightful musical program was given by Miss Juvanelle Mutter, vocalist, Miss Margaret Starkey, pianist, Miss Lillian Hart, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. D. D. Mitchell, pianist

The program for the year:
Shakespeare's Henry V. and
Browning's "On a Balcony" ~~(Columbus Birthday)~~

The program for the year was carried out - tho' not - as printed in the year book. This was due to results of the flood the latter part of March, and to absence from town of one of the hostess at that time.
members - the Secy. & Treas., who was to be a
At the meeting Dec. 17th. - with
Mrs. A. M. McNutt we had a Christmas party,
when each guest brought a twenty-
five cent gift - which was numbered
and each guest drew a number -
At this meeting a letter from Mrs. Mc.
Whirter - State Federation of Club's
President - was read asking that
the Local appoint reporters for
the Indianapolis News and Star.
Mrs. Baily was appointed reporter
for the Star, and Mrs. Blankenship
reporter for the News.
Two meetings were dropped out, but in
each case the hostess assisted another
at a regular meeting - Because of fewer
meetings the study of Columbus's Birthday was
postponed until the following year -
The Second District Federation of Clubs was
entertained in the Spring of 1913 by the Federated
Clubs of Martinsville.

Coterie - 1913-1914.
Since Browning's "Colombe's Birthday" was not studied last year, it was included in this year's program together with Shakespeare's Cymbeline.
The President's day meeting was not observed, but the President, Mrs. Landy, had the first regular meeting on Oct. 30th.
The officers for the year as appointed were: President, Mrs. H. J. Landy,
Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Myron Dickson,
Sec-Treas. - Mrs. C. H. Gamble,
Federation Secy. - Mrs. E. D. Baily.
At the meeting, Oct. 25th. Mrs. Horace Major's resignation was read and accepted, and as Mrs. Conner Lee returned to her former home here she was appointed to fill the vacancy in the membership to take Mrs. Major's place.
At the meeting Dec. 9th. a motion was made and carried that the club give two or three dollars for a basket of groceries or other needed articles to some worthy family at Xmas time.

At the Dec. 10th. meeting with Mrs. Robinson in charge and Christmas gift exchange. Besides our regular program we were favored by a talk by Mr. Coggeshall on the subject "The Purpose of Art." Mrs. Cantle resigned as Secy & Treasurer, also withdrew her membership because of removal to Indianapolis, and Mrs. Williams was appointed to the office for the unexpired term, with the understanding that Mrs. Reviere would do her work for her in January while she was out of town.

Dec. 24th, The Committee, elected by the Club on Dec 9th to aid some poor family at Christmas, spent $2.50 for groceries. With some private donations of pillow etc these were sent to a Mrs. Collins who lives alone with a grown daughter who attends high school.

January 27th

The Club voted not to join the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

February 10th

Mrs. Byron Huff was elected a member to fill Mrs. Cauble's place. A Committee was appointed to arrange for an indoor picnic to include the members of the Coterie families.

March 15th

Election of Officers as follows.

President - Mrs. Callie M. Mitchell
Vice Pres - Mrs. A. M. Bain
Secretary Treasurer. Mrs. J. V. Williams
Federation Secretary. Mrs. E. P. Jones.
Del to State Convention - Mrs. C. G. Penner

Sent to District Convention -

Following the program, Mrs Mitchell read a paper on "Opera" which was illustrated by selections on the piano by herself. Some of these were accompanied by readings by Miss Lealy Del Branch.

March 24th

This meeting was held at the usual hour at Mrs Comer's and she was assisted by Mrs Jordan. After the regular meeting was over the ladies prepared a 6 o'clock dinner for all the members & all the families in the Coterie. About 40 were present to enjoyed the 3 course dinner which was great in both quality and quantity. The evening was spent in cards and a general good time.

May 17th.

Mrs. Callie Mitchell resigned the presidency because of the probability that she would be out of town part if not all of the winter. Mrs Goss was elected to fill the vacancy.

Dec. 8th

A committee of three was appointed to send a Christmas gift to some one or some organization, each member pledging 25 cents toward the same.

On Dec 23rd this committee filled a basket with edibles and sent it to a lonely widow living alone. The contents of this basket amounted to $3.00. The remaining $2.00 was turned over to the committee for the sale of Red Cross Seals.

Dec 29th.

The committee for the sale of Red cross seals reported worth sold.

March 9th.

Annual Day. The following officers were elected. Pres. Mrs. Goss.
Vice Pres. Mrs. Bain
Sec. Treas. Mrs. Williams
Delegate to State Convention. Mrs Sandy
" " Dist. " Mrs. Williams.

Mrs Jordan's name was placed on the associate list. A vacancy was thus declared and a motion was carried to

give the members two weeks to present new names to fill the same

Balance on Hand
Oct. Oct. 1913- $11.50
Deposited Nov. 14, 1914 11.25
Mar. 17, 1915 3.00
total $25.75

Disbursements

June 24, 1913
Hill & Sadler for Knox Bonnet $2.50

Apr. 28, 1914
Dist Fed. Dues .50
Nov. 16, 1914 Belgian Relief- 5.00
Apr 24, 1915 Mart. Floral Co. 6.00
May 4, 1915 N. J. Martin 8.00
$22.00

May 1916.

The Martinsville Coterie has had very interesting and profitable meetings for past year. The refreshments and the program has all been attended. During the holiday season we helped with Red Cross Work. In March we joined with the Woman's Club and Art Club in bringing to Martinsville an exhibit of Dickens Artists. The proceeds from the sale of tickets to this exhibit, and a percent from pictures purchased from the exhibit, put an original painting in each of our four school buildings.

$3.50 fund of $3.50 was sent to the State Memorial Park Committee to aid in purchasing sites for State Parks. This fund was obtained by donations of 25 cents each from all members who expect to continue.

We have all been grieved several times this club year by deaths in the families of three of our members. And for the past few years deprived of the inspiration of our two beautiful examples set by our dear sisters, Mrs. Mayo Pickens and Mrs. Wm. [illegible]

give the members two weeks to present new names to fill the same.

Bal. $25.75
Checks 22.00
Bal. $3.75

Respectfully submitted
Florence P. Wilbur
Secy.

May 18, 1915.

May 1916.

The Martinsville Coterie has had very interesting and profitable meetings the past year. The refreshments and the program has all been well done. During the holiday season we helped well the Red Cross Club. In March we joined with the Woman's Club and Art Club in bringing to Martinsville an exhibit of Indiana Artists. The proceeds from the sale of tickets to this exhibit, and a percent from pictures purchased from the exhibit, put an original painting in each of our four school buildings.

A fund of $3.75 was sent to the State Memorial Park Committee to aid in purchasing sites for State Parks. This fund was obtained by donations of 25 cents each from all members who cared to contribute.

We have all been grieved several times this Club year by deaths in the families of some of our members. And we have also been deprived of the inspiration of such beautiful examples as Mrs. Mary Jackson, who departed this life [illegible]

it was decided to leave her place vacant the remainder of the year.

At the annual meeting November 17, 1910 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Pres. Mrs. J. C. McNutt
Vice " " G. P. Jones
Sec. Treas " Mr McNutt
Cor. Sec. " A. M. Bain
Delegate to State Convention - Mrs. J. H. Williams

Because our delegate was unable to attend the district convention in April the auditor sent a written report.

- Treasurer's Report -

Amount on hand Sept 1st 1909 - - - $ 3.26
Deposited dues for current year - - - 10.00
" " " " last year - - - - - .70
Total $ 13.96

Disbursements -

Sept 25 - State Pres dues 5.00
Oct 1 - A. Martin - Jonesville - 0.15
Jan 15 - H. Shaw - flowers 2.10
Mar 1 - " " " 1.00
Mar 1 - Postal Cards .50
$ 8.75

Balance on hand May 1, 1910 - $5.21

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On Friday 28th Revs. E. F. Brown was elected a member to take the place of Rev. Rufus Dickson, deceased.

Respectfully submitted
Wilbur F. Wilson
Sec. pro tem.

May 1916.–1917.

The past year of the Coterie has been of unusual interest, both as to the programme of study, and socially. The study of the Bible was taken up for the first time in the history of the club, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members.
Mrs. F. O. Branch was elected a member of the club, to fill the vacancy of Mrs E. P. Jones who moved to Louisville for residence.
In late Oct the families of the club were guest at a pic-nic supper at the country home of Mr and Mrs L. A. Blankenships, the memory of which will ever remain with those who were fortunate enough to be present. The hospitality of the Blankenships is widely known, and this occasion was no exception to the rule.
In Jan a guest day was observed at the home of Mr and Mrs H. L. McGuire. Instead of "Rare Prints and Music of Shakespeare," as per programme A "Shakespearean Conference" was

given, much to the delight of all present. It being by far the most clever entertainment ever given by the club.

In Mch. the Likely Club, Moorsville had the coterie for their guest at a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mr and Mrs Walter Edwards. At the request of the Likely Club. "The Shakespearean Conference" was repeated.

The following officers were elected for the next year.

Pres. Mrs Blankenship
Vice-Pres. Mrs Mc Ginnis
Sec-Treas. Mrs Egbert.

Financial Report

Amt on hands Sept 1916.	$ .25
Deposited for current year.	25.25
Total	~~25.50~~ 25.50

Disbursements.

Aug 29. H. J. Martin - programes.	$ 6.75
Aug 29. Grocies	4.60
Sept 22 N. H. Gano - flowers	2.00
Oct 25 " State Fed. dues	3.00
Mch 30. Mrs E F Branch.	8.20
	24.55
Balance on hands. May 1916.	$ .95

Resp Submitted Mrs H. M McNutt Sec'y Treas.

May 1917-1918.

The year 1917-1918 was unique in the history of the Coterie from the fact that no literary work was done. At a called meeting, just prior to the opening of the club year, it was decided by a majority vote to eliminate the study hour and to devote the time instead to war-relief work - reserving the literary program already prepared for a less stressful time.

The club season opened with President's Day at Mrs. L. A. Blankenship's - a delightful social meeting at which the members and their families were entertained with a most bountiful picnic supper. The hostess was assisted by a committee of four members of the club - following a new plan adopted for the year according to which four guest days were to be observed - each in charge of a committee of five - so that the regular meetings might be limited to members only with very light refreshments served.

The program - as to dates of meetings and hostesses - was carried out approximately as scheduled in the year book. Relief work consisted of knitting, making hospital comforts, and "snipping" for comfort pillows. Comforts were completed and donated to the Red Cross by the club as a whole - besides the work done by individual members.

Three other special meetings - besides President's Day - were held. On December 18th - a Christmas guest afternoon was observed at the home of Mrs. W. M. Mc Kutt. The time was spent in Red Cross work and refreshments were served by the committee in charge. The third guest meeting - specified in the program as a Martha Washington Tea - was dispensed with because of war-time conditions and the necessity for food conservation. However the committee in charge entertained the club with an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. F. O. Branch - serving at the noon hour a delicious

"conservation" luncheon. The day was spent working on the layette donated by the Clerie to the Red Cross.

At the annual meeting the same corps of officers was, by vote of the club continued in office:-

Mrs. E. A. Blackmistlip - Pres.
Mrs. St. L. McSimms - Vice-Pres.
Mrs. R. H. Egbert - Sec-Treas.

In March the club lost Mrs. Cooper - through her removal to Chicago. The surprise picnic supper in her honor at Mrs. Penners was a very enjoyable affair.

During the latter part of the year Mrs. E. F. Branch and Mrs. F. O. Branch temporarily withdrew from the club, because of absence from time through their husband's connection with the service.

The fourth guest day, as such, was dispensed with, - the fourth committee entertaining the club members only at Mrs. Sandip. The time was spent, as usual, with Red Cross work and a buffet luncheon was served. This meeting ended the year's work of the Clerie

Financial Statement.

Amount reported by former Treasurer.		.95
Dues 1917-1918		13.50
(Exclusive dues - 2 not paid)		
		14.45
Disbursements		
For flowers for Mr. Hinson	3.00	
For programs	5.50	8.50
Balance in treasury Aug. 26 - 1918		5.95

Hazel S. Egbert
Sec-Treas.

September 1918 - 1919.

The club year opened September tenth, with President's Day at Mrs. Blankenship's - on which occasion the hostess, assisted by her committee, served one of her famous fried chicken dinners. The meeting was primarily a social one but the matter of the year's work came up for discussion and decision. It was voted to continue with relief work as during the past year - but to place in the hands of a committee the business of planning and providing work - said committee to be appointed by the President and to be changed from time to time. It was decided also that refreshments should not be served at the regular club sessions - excepting at the four special meetings.

This year's history has been mainly a repetition of the past year's - the same program having been followed.

The work done was largely on layettes - material being furnished by the Red Cross. The Coterie undertook the task of providing the comfort bags solicited from this locality - to be sent as Christmas gifts to soldiers and sailors on board the battleship Indiana. Through donations from various organizations and individuals eight bags were made, filled and sent to the state committee in charge of the movement. Letters of thanks were later received by the Coterie committee from two of the recipients.

Of the special meetings - the second committee entertained the club members and their husbands or other guests at an evening party at Mrs. Parrish's. The time was passed at cards and refreshments were served. The third committee held a quest afternoon at Mrs. McDonnell's. Patriotic guessing games furnished amusement and a buffet luncheon was served.

On account of the difficulty of

securing relief work - because of the signing of the armistice and the closing of the local Red Cross shops - early in 1919 the club resumed, to some extent, its literary work - the program committee providing miscellaneous reading and study. Light refreshments at regular meetings were also resumed, by consent.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:-

President - Mrs. H. L. Nelsonnis
Vice-President - Mrs. R. H. Egbert
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. W. C. Stoker.

The youth committee entertained the club members, at the home of Mrs. Sandy, with a morning party, concluded by a luncheon. This being the final meeting announcement was made that the Coterie's customary Shakespearean study would be again taken up and that the reading of Henry VIII as scheduled in the 1917-18 year book would be the program for 1919-1920.

Financial Statement.

Balance from 1917-18		5.95
Dues in arrears paid		1.50
Dues 1918-19 -		14.25
(Twelve dues - 1 not paid)		
		21.70

Disbursements.

Colonie contribution to comfort bags.	3.47	
Flowers for Harold Sandauer	3.00	
Flowers for Mr. Doss	3.00	9.47
Balance in Treasury Sept. 9 - 1919		12.23

Hazel S. Egbert
Sec-Treas.

September 1919-1920

The first meeting of the Colene for the year 1919-20 [illegible] at the home of the new Pres. Mrs [illegible] Sept. 9. The [illegible] which had been adopted for the year 1918-19, but had been [illegible] on account of [illegible] was taken up for the year's work. It consisted of the study of [illegible] and some Bible work.

The name of Mrs E. C. Shannon was presented for membership at this meeting.

The part of the special meetings was read with [illegible] Mrs G. W. Blanton's [illegible]. Mrs Shannon's article by the committee showed one of her famous chicken dinners.

The Autumn was [illegible] by a Thanksgiving tea which would [illegible] of the Shakespeare plays.

In [illegible] the [illegible] a fair dollar [illegible] work. The money raised then funds [illegible] for

the National Tuberculosis Association Annual day came on the 11th of March. The present officers being re-elected.

The second special meeting was with Mrs. C. V. Duff. A delightful spring luncheon was served by Mrs Duff and her committee.

In May the remaining two committees combined and entertained the members, their husbands and friends, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert. A home supper was served after which a pantomime, the story of Blue Beard and his wives was given.

Financial Statement

Balance from 1918-1919	12.23
Dues in arrears paid	.75
Dues for 1919-1920	14.25
Due not paid	27.23

Disbursements

Bond	5.00	
Flowers	3.00	
Flowers	3.00	11.00
Balance in treasury		16.23

Sept. 1920. Edith M. Lord Sec. Treas.

May 1920-21.

The last year has been a very pleasant one for the members of the Club.

Presidents Day was observed Sept. 14 at the home of Mrs McGinnis. A delightful program had been arranged by the hostess. Musical numbers were given by Mrs. E. F. Branch, Mrs. J. A. Branch and Mrs. Sandy. Mrs Shannon gave an account of her trip thro the East, and Mrs Egnew read an original poem.

A fine course luncheon was served.

The club has for their study work, the Book of Job, and Much Ado about Nothing.

Annual day came March 1. at which time the following officers were elected.

President - Mrs. Bain
Vice-President Mrs Reams
Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. E. F. Branch.

A Stench bank was formed and

five dollars given for the Near East Relief Fund.

On Feb. 22 the Club were hostess for a Washington Birthday party, which was held at the City Hall. The members and their guests came in costume.

A delightful musical program furnished the entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Financial Statement

Balance from 1919-20		16.23
Dues - 1920-21.		15.00
Dues in arrears paid		75
Collection for party		28.45
		60.43

Disbursements

Flowers.	8.15	
Prog. cms.	9.25	
Bond.	5.00	
Relief fund	5.00	
Misc.	26.42.	53.82
Balance in Treasury.		6.61

Sept. 21. 1921.

Edith M. Stoner
Sec.-Treas.

September 1921-1922.

The opening meeting of the Circle was held September the thirteenth at the home of the President, Mrs. Bain.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent discussing Summer reminiscences.

Appropriate refreshments were served.

The year's work has been "Biblical Masterpieces" by Moulton and Shakespeare's "As You Like It"; both of which have proved interesting and instructive.

Several members of the Club went to Indianapolis late in the year, and enjoyed Mantell's interpretation of the latter.

Mrs. E. F. Branch resigned as secretary in December, and Mrs. F. O. Branch was elected to fill out the unexpired term of office.

Annual day was March fourteenth, the hostess, Mrs. Egbert.

Mrs. Bain was re-elected President, and Mrs. Reames vice-president.

Mrs. F. O. Branch was elected secretary-treasurer.

After the business meeting, a programme of Irish readings and stories was given by Club members, and tasteful refreshments

in keeping with St. Patrick's day, were served by the hostess.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Robinson the club decided to join the County federation of clubs, during april.

August the twenty-fourth, the closing meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McGinnis.

The program committee gave talks on Indiana pioneer days and settlements and the responses were Indiana points of interest or personal anecdotes of earlier times in the state.

Financial Statement.

Bal. brought forward		$ 6.61
Dues 1921-1922		13.50
" Dec. 2		.75
" March		1.00
" May		.75
		$ 22.61
Disbursements	$	
Nov. 25 - 1921 - Bond	5.00	
Dec. 3 - " Programs	9.25	
May 8 - 1922 Flowers	3.00	
" 22 - " Co. Fed. dues	1.00	
July 1 " Library Book	1.88	
		20.13
Sept. 12 - 1922 - Bal.		$ 2.48

Helen F. Branch
Secretary-Treasurer.

September 1922 - May 1923.

The first meeting for the winter of 1922 - 1923 - was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Bain.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent discussing summer reading by the club members. Delicious refreshments were served and the club adjourned.

A centennial was held in Martinsville during October, and all the clubs were represented in the pageant given to celebrate the same - the Colonial having a beautifully decorated automobile, driven by Mrs C. S. Hoff.

The annual election was held at the home of Mrs. W. M. McNeil. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President - Mrs. Stoper
Vice-President - Mrs. Sherman
Secretary Treasurer - Mrs. C. B. Hoff.

The club decided to donate two dollars towards prizes, for the school music memory contest - and a check was given to the committee having charge of same. The year's work was "Isaiah," and

"Love's Labor Lost"
These studies have been much enjoyed by the Club members - who decided to continue their work along the same lines the coming year -
The following financial statement is hereby submitted -

Financial Statement

Balance brought forward		2.48
Dues -	1922-1923 -	13.50
"	Nov.	1.50
"	Dec.	1.71
		19.19

Disbursements

Nov. 23 -	1922 Centennial expenses	$ .75
Nov. 23	1922 Programs	9.25
March 16	1923 Music Contest prizes	2.00
May 1	1923 Co. Fed. dues	1.00
		$ 13.00
Sept. 5 -	1923 Bal.	$ 6.19

Helen F. Branch
Secretary Treasurer -

By-Laws. Effective Jan 8, 1924

No 1. The regular meetings shall be held on Tuesday Afternoons, dates fixed by Program Comm.

No 2. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

No 3. The annual dues shall be one dollar payable to the Secretary-Treasurer before the third regular meeting of the Club Year.

No 4. It shall be the duty of the member 1) to entertain the Club at one regular meeting annually, at which she may serve a lunch consisting of not more than three things. 2) To perform all the duties assigned by the Program Committee. 3) To attend all meetings unless unavoidably prevented.

No 5. Any member who finds herself unable to attend a meeting shall, upon her first knowledge of same, notify the hostess.

No 6. Membership may be terminated
1. By resignation
2. By non-payment of dues

3. By failure to perform any of the duties contained in Article 4 of the By-Laws without notifying the Secretary.

No 7. In the event of the death of a member the Secretary shall send three dozen carnations to the family.
In the event of the death of a relative of a member the Secretary shall send a note of condolence to said member.

No 8 Any member having lost active membership by removal from the city or continued absence from city during Club year shall be transferred to Corresponding list.

No 9. This Constitution (Page 1-) and By-Laws (Page 78) shall become binding immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of its members.

Signed -

Grace G. Hutson
Ruth H. McNutt
Grace P. Bain.

September 1923 – May 1924.

The club year of 1923 & 1924 opened September eleventh with President's Day at the home of Mrs. W.C. Stoker. At this time the members were given an opportunity to display their knowledge of work had in previous years and to test their memories of Shakespearian Quotations found in past studies. An enjoyable social time followed the contest and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Our annual pilgrimage to the Country home of Mrs. L.A. Blankenship near Pasagon was made on a beautiful October Day and the usual feast of fried chicken with its accessories was enjoyed by each one.

On December eleventh the Christmas meeting was held with Mrs. Comer and the entertainment of the afternoon was in the hands of Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Goss. Guessing games were indulged in and a short program consisting of a play and some readings preceded the exchange of gifts by a real Santa Claus (Junior Williams) and a lunch served in keeping with the Season.

The crowning social event of the club year was an one o'clock luncheon given by Mrs. E.F. Branch at her Indianapolis home on the twenty seventh of May. The Governors mansion

was profusely decorated with Spring flowers and the tables were adorned with corsage bouquets of sweet peas, as favors. Slate China and silver from the Battleship Indiana were also used in the serving of the four courses. making the occasion memorable for its sentiment as well as beauty.

The first half of the club year was devoted to the study of Shakespeares Richard the Third while the latter half was given over to the presentation of Women in the Bible and the work was so much enjoyed by the members that it was decided to continue a study from the same sources for another year.

The business of the club consisted of a new constitution (Page 78) read and approved January eighth; the election of Mrs. Comer on the same date to fill the place made vacant by Mrs. Robinson's removal from the city; and the annual election of the following officers on February twelfth.

Mrs. W.C. Stoker. Pres.
Mrs E.C. Sherman Vice Pres.
Mrs C.B. Huff. Sec. & Treas.

The financial report of the year is as follows —

Balance brought forward -	$ 6.19
Dues 1923 and 1924	15.00
Total	$ 21.19

Disbursements.

Oct. 9. 1923. Programs	$ 9.25
Jan. 8, 1924 Health Bond -	5.00
February 16, 1924 - Gavel -	3.00
Total —	$ 17.25

Balance on Hand - June 1st 1924 — $ 3.94

Respectfully submitted
Martha C. Hyp. Sec'y.

On August - twenty - first (1924) Mrs. J. E. Robinson delightfully entertained the members of the Coterie at her home on East Washington Street. It was a treat to hear her tell of their past year in Florida and their prospects for the future. She served a delicious luncheon and gave views of the Southland as favors.

Year 1924 - 1925

President's day of the Coterie was observed Tuesday September sixteenth at the home of the Pres. Mrs H. C. Stoker. A delicious three course luncheon was served by the hostess at one o'clock and seventeen members were present to enjoy the afternoon the colors orange and yellow predominated in the decoration of the house and tables and place cards tinted in autumn shades contained seasonable quotations for each guest to read. The occasion was a most delightful opening of the club year.

The second event of note was Mrs. Blankenships meeting on October 7th at which time she was hostess for a luncheon given at the Home Lawn Sanitarium. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by several guests as well as all the members present.

The Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs Wm. N. McNutt and a beautifully appointed luncheon was served to twenty members & guests. Cards furnished the entertainment of the afternoon and a tree with an exchange of gifts completed the memorable occasion.

It was very fitting that our Valentine party would be held at the home of Mrs. Hart.

Love Verses, which were sent to each member by Mrs. Blaxtonship from Tennessee were read after a luncheon the decorations of which also carried out the message of the day. The election of officers resulted in the following. Pres. Mrs J. N. Williams Vice Pres. Mrs F. O. Branch - Sec. Treas, Mrs W. A. Comer.

At the home of Mrs C. G. A. Goss on March 24th the club gave a farewell luncheon in honor of Mrs W. M. McNutt who moved to Indianapolis in April. Every one enjoyed the special meeting but it was with regret that we lost this charter member.

On April 14th and May 25th Mrs G. M. Dickson and Mrs E. T. Cotton were elected to membership to fill the vacancies made by the resignations of Mrs Wm N. McNutt & Mrs A. M. Bain. An ammendment to the club constitution (Page 3). which provided that three negative votes should defeat a candidate for membership was presented to the club on May 11th and accepted on May 25 1925. The last meeting on the program was held at the home of Mrs N. J. Sandy on the afternoon of May 26th at which time the Coterie observed Guest Day and had the privilege of hearing Mrs. Buchanan of Indianapolis give a

talk on "Women of the Bible" was a very profitable afternoon and a fitting close to the year.

The study of the club had continued along similar lines of last year - with Biblical work the first half and Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor" the latter half of the year. The course proved very beneficial and enjoyable.

The following financial report of the year is hereby submitted:

Balance brought forward.	$3.97
Dues for 1924 and 1925	20.00
Total	$23.94

Disbursements

January, Health Bond =	$5.00	
February - Programs	9.25	
Total	$14.25	
		14.25
Balance on hand - June 1925 —		$9.69

Martha C. Huff -
Sec. Treas.

Year 1925 & 1926.

The Colonie observed "President's day" at the home of Mrs. J. W. Williams, the new president. A one o'clock luncheon was served at small tables throughout the living rooms which were beautifully decorated with baskets of garden flowers. Summer vacations and experiences were talked over following the luncheon.

The second notable event was the meeting with Mrs. E. A. Blankenship at her country home near Paragon. A delicious one o'clock luncheon was served in the large living room, which was very attractive with its open fireplace, baskets of roses, and fall flowers. Mrs. Giles M. Hickson was hostess for the meeting Christmas meeting. Following the business session, a Christmas program was given, consisting of Xmas songs by the

Colonial Quintet - composed of Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Reaves, Mrs. E. S. Branch, Mrs. Sandy, and Mrs. S. O. Branch, with - Mrs. S. A. Branch accompanist.
Mrs. Reaves read Chas. Dickens's "Christmas Eve on Lonesome", and Mrs. Egbert and Mrs. S. O. Branch gave a piano duett.
Mrs. Egbert gave a reading from Ben Hur, The "March of the Magi" with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Branch.
Christmas greetings were written the absent members, and Christmas Carols were played on the Victola. Gifts were exchanged. The hostess served delicious refreshments.
Members of the Colonial were entertained at the Martinsville Sanitarium with a luncheon at 12.30, by Mrs. J. C. McCartt hostess. Following the luncheon the lesson "The Book, the Reading of guiet", was given by Mrs.

Comer, the meeting taking place in the north parlor. There was a good attendance of members and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed.
A social meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sandy with Mrs. E. S. Branch in charge. During the business period the following officers were elected for the coming year. President, Mrs. J. H. Williams. Vice President - Mrs. S. O. Branch. Sec: Treas - Mrs. H. A. Comer.
An original play depicting a home scene in 1874-76 in Martinsville society, and one of today was most cleverly given by Mrs. E. S. Branch, Mrs. E. C. Sherman, Mrs. J. H. Williams, and Mrs. H. S. Vic Gunning dressed in beautiful old fashioned silks that have been handed down by the past generations. During the piecing of a quilt and sewing, many of the topics of the day

were discussed, and items of interest were read from old files of the Republican. An account of the first commencement of the Martinsville High School in 1874 was read. The graduates were Melissa Claffin (Mrs. C. S. Runner), Helen Stearns and Wilbur Marshall, with B. F. Finch Superintendent. The subject of Miss Claffin's oration was the design of Geology, and contained many beautiful ideas in flowery language. Also grades of some of the students were read which included such names as Ella Rose, Grace Whitted (Mrs. Hunt) Bennie and Anna Tilford and others. The account of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bain, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hart were read. Also that the banner quilt of the county was made by Mrs. Anna Drake of Green Township and contained more than 16,000 pieces. The second scene was

or wooden bridges, game interspersed with many comments of current events. During the social hour the hostess served delicious refreshments. The closing meeting of the year was held at Hackberry Hut Mrs. Sherman being hostess. Lovers of Nature in Literature, was the topic given by Mrs. Paslen in a very entertaining manner.

Respectfully submitted
Marcia H. Conner
Sec. Treasurer.

Years - 1926 - 1927

President's day of the Colonie was observed September fourteenth at the home of the President Mrs. J. H. Williams. A delicious three course luncheon was served by the hostess at one o'clock. Responses, Summer Memories were given by the members in an informal way.

On September the Twenty-Eight the Colonie held their annual early fall meeting with Mrs. Blankenship near Paragon. Quantities of beautiful dahlias banked the fire place and baskets of them further adorned the rooms. At 1-30 an old fashioned country fried chicken dinner was served, and with Riley we "Eat out on the porch." Individual jars covered with pink crepe paper containing delicious home made apple butter, served as place cards.

and also as a happy reminder of the day as the guests returned home.
Mrs. H. J. Hinson gave the lesson "The Charm of the English Bible" being her subject.
Xmas X
Our L. Ch. & the Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. E. F. Branch were hostesses, this being the time for the election of officers the following were unanimously chosen.
Mrs. F. C. Branch, Pres.
Mrs. E. C. Sherman Vice President
Mrs. J. P. Reams Sec.-Treas.
delicious refreshments were served and a most enjoyable hour was spent in a social way, under the direction of Mrs. McGinnis, and Mrs. Williams.
After finishing the Bible Study and the Two Gentlemen of Verona, the remainder of the year was given over to a Miscellaneous programme consisting of Art, Music,

Poetry, Literature and the Drama.
The last meeting of the year was entertained by Mrs. Bluemian and Mrs. C. S. Branch, with a Luncheon at the Marlinville Sanitarium, followed by a drive out to Hackberry Hut, where the programme, Indiana State Parks, Historical Data, was given by Mrs. Blankenship.
Mrs. Stoker also gave a very interesting talk on Edna St. Vincent Millay.
This closed a delightful day, also the years work.

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Mrs. Poston was hostess for the Dec. 14th meeting.
Studies from Shakespeare, Donne and Sonnet, was artistically given by Mrs. S. C. Branch.
Following which refreshments in keeping with Xmas were served also the gifts were exchanged

It is with sadness we record the passing of one of our charter members, Mrs. Goss was all ways a very active member, until her health prevented her attendance. We shall miss her.
Mrs. S. P. Staley is our new Member.

The financial report is as follows.

Balance in Treasury	9.69
Dues, 1926 & 1927	20.00
" " 1925 & 1926	20.
	$49.69
Disbursements —	
City-Nurse	5.00
Programmes - 1925 & 1926	9.25
Programmes 1926 & 1927	9.25
Pot-Plant & Mrs. Goss	2.00
County-Federation Dues	1.00
Health-Bond	5.00
Flowers for Mrs. Goss	7.50
	$39.00
Balance in Treasury July 20th 1927	$10.69

Respectfully Submitted

Martha P. Conner.
Sec-Treas.

September 1927 - May 1928

The opening meeting of the year 1927-1928 was held at the home of the President, Mrs. F. D. Branch. A delicious luncheon was served after which invitations received were read by the members including those invitations which had been during the summer. Mrs. Egbert described gardens which she had seen while abroad making special mention of those of the Alhambra.

The second meeting with Mrs. Blankenship was held on Sept. 27 at her country home near Pargon. After an old fashioned quilting chicken dinner which was greatly enjoyed, Mrs. Byron Huff gave the introductory lesson to King Lear. The large living room was most effectively decorated in yellow and a giant fire added warmth to the afternoon.

They study for the year including King Lear, The Life of St Paul and some miscellaneous programs.

On January 10 a most interesting meeting was held with Mrs. J. W. Williams at which, through the courtesy of Mrs. E. F. Branch, a most entertaining and enjoyable talk on "Women of the East" was given by Mrs. Edward Franklin White of Southampton. A number of invited guests were present.
At the annual election of officers February fourteenth, the present officers, Mrs F O Branch Pres.
Mrs. E C Shannon Vice Pres.
Mrs. J N. Reeves Sec. Treas.
were reelected to serve another year.
The Coterie mourns the loss by death of one of its charter members, Mrs. W. G. Comer who passed away June 20 1928.

Financial Report.

Bal. on hands Sept 13, 1927		$10.69
Rec'd for Dues		20.00
" " Boy Scout Fund		10.00
Total		$40.69
Disbursements.		
Programmer	$10.00	
Health Board	5.00	
Federation Dues	1.00	
Boy Scouts	10.00	
Flowers	6.50	
	32.50	$32.50
Bal on hands Sept. 18, 1928.		$8.19

The year 1928-29 was opened with the President's Day luncheon at the home of Mrs F. D. Brand. The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of fall flowers ~~and~~ informal talks and the response, "treasured thoughts from the year's work" were enjoyed by the members.

At the home of Mrs Blankenshop on October 2 a rainbow luncheon at which the ~~the~~ rainbow colors were used in the decorations of the room and tables was most enjoyable and the good wishes of the hostess and club were extended to Mrs. Stoker who was soon to leave for a winter in the South. A number of guests were present.

The Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. N. Egbert. The gift exchange was in the nature of a feast and a most delightful Christmas program in charge of Mrs. Sandy was given.

During the first part of the year the study of "Coriolanus" was

taken up by the club followed by the book "New Testament Women and Problems of Today." The year was finished with a number of miscellaneous programs.

The first meeting, a "fetch-in" luncheon was held at Hoosbery Hut which was a most beautiful setting for the work on "Poetry" given by Mrs. Blankenship.

Losses in membership were caused by the death of Mrs J H Hurt on December 22, a loss which saddened all the remaining meetings of the year, by the death of Mrs. W. C. Mitchell an associate member and one of the organizers of the Petersburg and of Mrs H. L. McGuire who moved to Indianapolis for residence.

Feb 28

New members elected to fill vacancies were Mrs W. H Patton, Oct. 16.
Mrs M. P King Nov 20 and
Mrs M. S Mahan March 5.

Officers elected for the new year are.
Mrs J. C. McNutt. President
Mrs C B Hoff. Vice President
Mrs E. A Poston. Sec-Treas.

The financial report is as follows: —

Financial Report - 1928-29.

Balance on hands Sept 18-1928		$8.19
Rec'd for dues		20.00
Rec'd for Bay Scout fund		9.00
" from assessments for flowers		2.40
Total		$39.59
Disbursements.		
Health Board	5.00	
Programmes	10.60	
Flowers	13.75	
Federation Dues	1.00	
Total	30.35	30.35
Bal on hands Sept. 23		$9.24

Jessie C Reames. Sec'y Treas

Years 1929-1930.

Mrs. J. C. McNutt entertained the members of the Coterie with a President's Day luncheon at the Martinsville Sanitarium, Tuesday, September 10, at one o'clock. During the afternoon short talks on summer vacations and experiences were given by the various members.

A one o'clock luncheon and a surprise program were the special features for the Coterie September 24, when the members were entertained at the Home Lawn by the hostess, Mrs. Blankenship. The guests were seated at one long table centered with a beautifully dressed doll which proved to be a boudoir lamp. Other decorations included flowers in autumnal shades, lighted tapers, and unique place cards in the form of character dolls. The dolls had been dressed by Mrs. Blankenship to represent a woman character from Shakespeare and had a quotation attached. the members were asked to guess the character, Mrs. G. M. Dickson being the lucky one to receive the boudoir lamp. The consolation prize of a Shakespearian etching went to Mrs. Hinson. A paper on Shakespeare's views of women closed an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

"Gentlemen's Night" of the Coterie was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patton, Tuesday night, December 17, with Mrs. Giles Dickson assistant hostess. Three long tables were arranged in the living room which was aglow with red and green balloons tied to the backs of each chair and forming almost a complete canopy at the ceiling. Lighted red tapers in candelabra, small Christmas trees, and favors of poinsettias holding candy gave the table a festive appearance. A three-course turkey dinner was served. Stunts, guessing contests, and songs provided special entertainment. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. C. S. Huff, Miss Ida Prather, Mrs. M. P. King, Mrs. E. I. Poston, and Mr. E. I. Poston, Dr. W. J. Sandy, and Mr. M. P. King in the guessing contests. A burlesque on Romeo and Juliet written by Mrs. Dickson was cleverly given by Dr. and Mrs. Dickson. Preceding the dramatics of the evening a program of popular airs was furnished by a "comb" orchestra.

The subjects for study for the year included Shakespeare, Russia, and the Bible.

Because of her removal from town, Mrs. W. C. Stoker asked to become an associate member. Miss Ida Prather was voted to active membership to fill this vacancy. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. R. H. Egbert;

Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. B. Huff; Secy-Treas., Mrs. E. I. Poston.

The following report of the finances of the club is hereby submitted:

Balance on hand, Sept. 23		$9.24
Received for dues		20.00
		$29.24
Disbursements:		
Health Bond	$5.00	
Programs	10.24	
Federation dues	1.00	
Scholarship fund for blind	1.00	17.24
Balance on hand at close of year		$12.00

Bertha K. Poston
Secy-Treas.

Years 1930-1931.

The club year of the Coterie opened with a luncheon at the home of the President, Mrs. R. H. Egbert, Tuesday, September 15. A three-course Italian luncheon was served at two tables which were beautifully arranged with fall flowers. Mrs. C. B. Huff and Miss Ida Prather gave interesting talks on Italy. Mrs. E. F. Branch, Mrs. F. O. Branch, and Mrs. E. C. Shireman gave a comic Shakespearian playlet which was written by Mrs. Shireman.

"Shakespeare and Nature" was a fitting theme for the members of the Coterie to discuss at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Q. A. Blankenship, Tuesday, September 29. The guests were invited to a breakfast which was served at one long table in the large living room. The autumnal purple was used as a color scheme in the table decorations, confections, and favors. A bowl of purple asters centered the table, with orchid tapers completing the color scheme. Small breakfast shawls in orchid shades, made by the hostess, were placed on the back of each chair and given to the members as favors. Mrs. J. W. Williams gave the lesson and the day was one of beauty and profit.

On November 11, Miss Prather was hostess to the Coterie at the Martinsville Country Club. Mrs. J. C. McNutt gave an interesting paper on Mussolini and displayed an autographed photograph presented by him to her son, Paul McNutt,when the latter was in Italy.

Mrs. W. H. Patton and Mrs. G. M. Dickson and their husbands were hosts and hostesses for a delightful Christmas party at the Country Club, Tuesday evening, December 13. A three-course dinner was served, the guests being seated at a long table which was beautifully decorated with small Christmas trees and candelabra with red tapers. During the dinner gifts were presented to each person present. The finding of the gifts began with the unwinding of a ball of twine which led to the gift. Each person was required to tell a story concerning their gift. Col. E. F. Branch proved to be the best story teller and received the prize. The dinner was followed by an old-fashioned spelling match, McGuffey's Reader being used. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. J. C. McNutt, Mrs. W. J. Sandy, Mrs. Pauline Shaley, and Dr. R. H. Egbert. Three fiddlers provided music for the Virginia Reel, which was called by F. O. Branch. Then came a dance, "Follow the Leader", with Dr. G. M. Dickson leading. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McGinnis and Mrs. Wm. M. McNutt of Indianapolis were guests.

The study for the year was Italy, the Bible, and Current Literature.

It is with regret that we must record the passing of Mrs. C. G. Renner, a valued and faithful member.

Mrs. Nelson Shaley asked to become an associate member. The new active members are Mrs. W. C. Stoker, a former member returned to us, and Mrs. J. L. Greene. Officers elected are as follows: Pres., Mrs. R. H. Egbert; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. F. Branch; Secy-Treas., Mrs. E. I. Poston.

The financial report is as follows:

Balance on hand at beginning of year		$12.00
Received for dues		20.00
		$32.00
Disbursements:		
Programs	$11.25	
Health Bond	5.00	
Federation dues	1.00	
Flowers for Mrs. Renner	6.00	23.25
Balance on hand at close of year		$ 8.75

Bertha K. Poston
Secy-Treas.

Years 1931-1932.

The opening meeting of the Coterie was held September 15 with a beautifully appointed luncheon at the Home Lawn with Mrs. R. H. Egbert, the President, as hostess. Following the luncheon the members were invited to Mrs. Egbert's home where a program was enjoyed. Mrs. W. J. Sandy, Mrs. C. B. Huff, and Mrs. J. C. McNutt gave a burlesque on a committee meeting in preparation for President's Day. Mrs. F. O. Branch gave a group of piano numbers. The meeting was a very enjoyable beginning for the year's work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Dickson entertained the members of the Coterie, their husbands, and friends at the Patton home, December 20. The guests enjoyed a delightful time with various games played throughout the evening. Much fun was created when old photographs of the members and the husbands were thrown upon a screen. Col. and Mrs. E. F. Branch won the prizes for being able to name each person's photograph correctly. The house was decorated with holly and mistletoe and lighted with red candles. The mistletoe was sent from Memphis, Tennessee by Mrs. Q. A. Blankenship. At eleven o'clock a turkey supper was served.

Mrs. E. C. Shireman and Mrs. E. F. Branch entertained about 25 members and guests of the Coterie at a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Shireman, Tuesday, May 24. The house was beautiful with a profusion of garden flowers. Following the luncheon Prof. F. C. Tilden, professor of Comparative Literature of De Pauw University, addressed the club upon "Some Phases of the Drama."

On April 12 Miss Lucy Patton was elected to membership to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Q. A. Blankenship.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. W. H. Patton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. N. Reames; Secy-Treas., Miss Ida Prather. The following financial report is respectfully submitted:

Balance on hand at beginning of year		$ 8.75
Received for dues		20.00
Received for Red Cross		10.00
		$38.75
Disbursements:		
Junior Red Cross	$10.00	
Health Bond	5.00	
Programs	11.25	
Federation dues	1.00	
Flowers	4.50	31.75
Balance on hand at close of year		$ 7.00

Bertha K. Poston
Secy-Treas.

Year 1932-1933.

Mrs. W. H. Patton, as President of Coterie, opened the club year with a luncheon, September 14. During the afternoon short talks on summer vacations and experiences were given by the various members.

Mrs. C. S. Huff gave an interesting history of the Coterie, which was organized in 1898. A short drama, "The Emerson Club", afforded much amusement to the guests.

It was with pleasure in October that Coterie invited Mrs. A. M. Bain, who has returned to Martinsville for residence, to become an associate member of the club.

Current literature, given in the work of the first part of the club year, covered six different subjects which were given in detail.

The Bible work of the year having been divided into four lessons as follows:

Birth, Parentage and Early Life of Jesus;
The Ministry of the Master;
The Passion and The Resurrection;
The Manhood of Christ

has proved of unusual interest to the club in general, shown by the fact of the discussions that followed each lesson.

The latter part of the year was devoted to the study of China---its customs, history, politics, commerce, religion, art, and its relations to Japan. Several unusual displays of Chinese art, pottery, embroideries, etc. were given during the study of this very interesting country.

At the annual meeting the following officers were re-elected: Pres., Mrs. W. H. Patton; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. N. Reames; Sec-Treas., Miss Ida Prather. The following financial report is respectfully submitted:

Balance on hand at beginning of year		$ 7.00
Received for dues		20.00
		$27.00

Disbursements:

County Federation Dues	1.00	
Programs	$6.00	
Health Bond	5.00	
Tri Kappa	2.50	
North School Bldg.	2.50	
Welfare Feeding Fund	5.00	22.00

Balance on hand at close of year $ 5.00

Ida Prather
Secy-Treas.

Year 1933-1934.

Mrs. W. H. Patton, President of Coterie, opened the club year with a most interesting meeting at her home on East Washington Street. Mrs. Katherine Turney Garten of Indianapolis gave an excellent review of "Anthony Adverse" by Hervey Allen. Following the program a lovely plate luncheon was served. All of the club members except two, as well as a number of guests, were present.

Mrs. J. C. McNutt's meeting in February, held with Mrs. Paul McNutt at the Governor's Mansion in Indianapolis, was delightful. The entertaining rooms were decorated with vases of carnations, lillies, and jonquils. After the luncheon the regular program was given.

In June Mrs. E. C.Shireman, Mrs. A. M. Bain, and Mrs. E. F. Branch entertained with a picnic luncheon at the Shireman cabin. Mrs. W. J. Sandy gave interesting sketches of a number of recent books.

In August Mrs. Frances Blankenship entertained Coterie with a delightful picnic at her country home near Paragon before returning to Memphis for the winter.

The study for the first part of the club year was current literature. This was followed by a study of the Jewish race--its customs, history, politics, religion, art, etc., which proved to be most interesting. The remainder of the year was devoted to a miscellany of selected subjects.

At the annual meeting, the following officers were elected:
President, Mrs. C. B. Huff.
Vice-President, Mrs. E. I. Poston.
Secy-Treas., Miss Lucy Patton.

The following financial report is respectfully submitted:

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$5.00
Received for dues	20.00
	$25.00

Disbursements:

Programs	$7.50	
Tri Kappa	3.00	
County Federation Dues	1.00	$11.50

Balance on hand at close of year ---------- $13.50

Ida H. Prather
Secy-Treas.

COTERIE 1934 - 1935.

Mrs. C. B. Huff, as President of Coterie, opened the club year with a very lovely luncheon September 25, 1934, at her home. A playlet depicting the ability of women to concentrate on their bridge game, was given by menbers of the Executive Committde, Mrs. Huff and Miss Prather. The subject was cleverly treated and the guests highly amused.

On October 9th., Mrs. F. O. Branch gave a most interesting program on "Fads". This was an original project given in poetical form and showed splendid ability on the part of the author.

The club program for the year consisted of,

Selected Subjects,
Study of Charles Dickens,
Study of Radio,
Comprehensive Study of New Harmony.

One of the features of the Christmas program held at the home of Mrs. Poston was an exchange of gifts.

On January 8th., a guest meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Patton, with Mrs. Poston in charge of the program. This program was given by Mrs. Green, vocalist, accompanied by Mrs. Vance, both of Indianapolis. Their selections were delightful and they are both artists of great talent.

The final meeting of Coterie was celebrated at the Country Club with a picnic lunch on June 11th.

1934-1935

Balance on hand at beginning of year	$13.50
Received for dues	20.00
	$33.50

Disbursements

Jan 3, 1935	Tri Kappa	$5.00	
Jan. 22, "	Health Bond	5.00	
March 22, "	County Federation	1.00	19.50
March 2,	Programs	8.50	
		$19.50	

Balance on hand at close of year	$14.00

Lucy Alice Patton
Secy-Treas.

Year 1935 - 1936

The opening meeting of the Coterie was held September 24 at the home of the president Mrs. C. B. Huff, Mrs. C. S. Huff and Mrs. H. J. Hinson two of the earlier presidents assisting. Mrs. Bertita Harding gave a most delightful talk on the subject " Fiesta with Songs" playing her own accompaniments to the Mexican songs which she sang to illustrate her subject. A number of guests enjoyed with the Coterie this interesting program.

At the first regular meeting of the club the resignation of Miss Lucy Patton as Secy-Treas. was read and Mrs. Sandy was elected to fill the vacancy.

In addition to seven miscellaneous programs given during the year the country of Finland was studied, also the early Victorian novelists.

At the annual election of officers the following were chosen: President, Mrs. E. F. Branch; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mahan; Secy-Treas., Mrs. Greene.

The year ended May 26th with a picnic at the Wilson Chicken Dinner Place, hostesses Mrs. Shireman and Mrs. Bain. The program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Patton and consisted of a talk given by Miss Lucy Patton concerning a recent trip around South America on the German Lloyd Liner - The Columbus. The route was traced on a map, souvenirs were displayed and many interesting experiences given. During the business session Mrs. Stanley Byram was voted into the club to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Mrs. Stoker.

The financial report is as follows:

Balance on hand at beginning of year -----	$ 14.00
Received for dues ----------	20.00
	$ 34.00

Disbursements:

Tri Kappa Christmas party ------	$ 5.00	
Health Bond ----------	5.00	
Will Rogers Memorial ----------	1.00	
Book for library ----------	1.85	
County Federation Dues ---------	1.00	
Contribution to the Home for the Blind ---------	1.00	
Programs ----------	9.00	
		23.85
		$ 10.15

Leaving a balance in the treasury of $ 10.15.

Catharine T. Sandy
Secy-Treas.

1936 - 1937

The first meeting of the Club was held Sept. 10th at the home of the new President, Mrs. O. F. Brauch who served a delicious luncheon. Last year's officers were re-elected and were seated at a long table in the dining-room. The business of the meeting was transacted.

Received donations from Mrs. Grieve during the Club year - and we express our thanks for the donations and gifts.

The annual election of officers resulted in the re-election of all officers of the previous year.

The closing meeting of the year was held on June 9th at the Dr. Cameron's. A luncheon was served

The Aeronautic Society
Did all it left for the
Lottery and Raffle made
a profit including Post
Office & refund of cost.

Archie Green
Secy Treas.
Provisional Effort.

Bal. on hand at beginning of
year $10.15
Dues 25.00
35.15
Disbursements.

Jan. 26th - 3 T.V. Cards 5.00
Jan 30th - Notify Fed. 1.00
Feb. 6th Insurance 9.00
$15.00

Receipts $30.15
Disbursements 15.00
$15.15 Balance
Archie Green
Secy-Treas.

1937 — 1938

The first meeting of the year was held at the home of the Pres. Mrs. E. T. Branch Sept 14th.
Mrs. J. L. Greene gave an informal talk about her trip to the Utah Parks, and return by water, from San Francisco to N. Y. via the Panama Canal. There was no business of importance.
A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.
The year's program was very interesting and well given.
During the year Mrs. Grace Hinson asked to be put on the list of associate members. This request was regretfully granted.
Mrs. Chas. Patton and Mrs. M. E. Branch were elected to membership to take the places of Mrs. Hinson, & Miss Lucy Patton, who resigned because of a long absence from the city.
A high light of the year was a lecture by Mrs. Mencochus

Brown at the home of Mrs. W. H. Patton March 29th at the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the year 1938-39.
President - Mrs. J. L. Greene
Vice. Pres. - Miss Ada Patton
Sec'y-Treasurer-Mrs. Stanley Bryan

Julia Greene
Sec'y - Treas.

Financial report for 1937-38

Bal.	-	$15.15
Dues		20.00
		$35.15 Total receipts

County Fed Dues	-	$1.00
Tri Kappa	—	$5.00
Programs	—	9.00
Total disbursements		15.00

35.15
15.00
20.15 Balance Sept. 1938.

Julia Greene
Treasurer

"And So, Ladies, We give You Our Country
Adventurous America"

The Coterie opened the club year with the President, Mrs. J. L. Greene, on September the 13th. The members enjoyed a very delicious luncheon at one o'clock. On succeeding dates during the club year we, as eager adventurers, visited Jamestown; The Cradle of the Republic, Williamsburg, Broadstreeted Richmond, Annapolis, Boston, New York;- The Resplendent City, New Orleans, Chicago. We crossed the Prairies, The frontier, and visited San Francisco. We heard about America's music, her arts, and crafts, her fashions, and her radio, and closed the year's study with an American play, "Abe Lincoln" by Robt. Sherwood.

The club was saddened by the passing of a valued member - Mrs. N. J. Anson.

The same officers will continue during the ensuing years 1939 - 40.

The financial statement follows:-

Balance	$20.15
Dues	18.00
Total receipts	$38.15

Neighborhood House	$5.00
Health Board	5.00
Programs	9.00
County Dues	1.00
Flowers - Hinson	5.00
Card - Theater	.17
Total disbursements	$25.17

$38.15
25.17
$12.98 Balance on hand June 1939.

Edith Pyrum

And so, ladies again we give
Upon our Country

"Adventurous America"

At the President's Day luncheon
on the twelfth of September, we
heard Mrs. Cotton tell of her trip
to the Golden Gate Exposition
at San Francisco. During the
day per we traveled Hawaii,
the Philippines, a land of buried
treasure, St. Augustine, our oldest
city, and a talk on Candleday Art,
a book review, a talk on American
Food, Caravan, visited Charleston,
Philadelphia, Detroit, and
Washington. Mrs. Stamson con-
tinued her study of radio, and
Mrs. Egert told of the Silver Screen
and Great Producer.

The Cotton had two very
distinct losses, by the
passing of Mrs Lillian Hart,
an active member, and
Mrs. M. S. Mahan an active
member.

The Financial statement follows.

Balance	$12.98
Dues	20.00
Total receipts	$32.98

Programs	$10.00
County dues	1.00
Card - Blankenship	.18
Women's Field Army	5.00
Flowers - Mahan	6.00
Flowers - Hart	6.00
Total disbursements -	$28.18

$32.98
28.18
$4.80 Balance Hand June 1940

Edith Cox

A Year of Surprise Programs

Presidents day was observed Sept 17, with a luncheon by our new President Mrs. E. C. Shireman.

The Club enjoyed a variety of programs throughout the year, each one a surprise.

Mrs Anna Majors was taken in as a new member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs Mahan

Virginia Patton, Secy-Treas

1940-41

Officers

President	Mrs E. C. Shireman
Vice Pres	Mrs R. J. Kirtt
Secy Treas	Mrs C. W. Patton

The Financial Statement 1940-41

Balance on hand	4.80
Dues	19.00
Total Receipts	23.80

Disbursements	
Programs	10.00

23.80
10.00
13.80 Balance on hand June 1941

Another Year of Surprise Programs
1941-42

President's Day was observed on Sept. 23 with Mrs Shieman.
Each member again had a surprise program and with such a variety of subjects, it made for a most interesting club year. Each member was also assigned a comment on an historical subject.
At the Annual Day Meeting, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Pres. Mrs R. J. Rivett
Vice Pres Mrs Stanley Byram
Secy-Treas Mrs W. J. Sandy

The Club year ended with a June Picnic at the Country home of Mrs. Stanley Byram

Virginia Patton, Secy-Treas

The Financial Statement 1941-42

Balance on hand	13.80
Dues	19.00
Total Receipts	32.80

Disbursements

Programs	10.00
Red Cross Contribution	10.00
Total Dis.	20.00

32.80	Total Receipts
20.00	Total Disbursements
12.80	Bal on hand June. 1942

1942 - 1943

Partly due to the war and partly because the plan had proven successful the club decided to continue the individual choice of subjects.
In addition, the Decisive Battles of the World were reviewed.
It was also decided at Christmas time that instead of an exchange of gifts the usual limit of fifty cents which should be donated as a gift to some worthy object or organization. The Executive Committee voted to expend this sum on magazines for the hospital at Camp Atterbury.
At the Annual Day meeting the officers of the previous year were re-elected.

Pres. Mrs. Tivett
Vice-Pres. Mrs. Byram
Secy.-Treas. Mrs. Sandy

Financial Statement for 1942-43

Balance on hand	12.80
Dues	19.00
Christmas donations	10.00
Total Receipts	41.80

Disbursements

Magazines for Camp Atterbury	10.50
Red Cross donation	15.00
	25.50

41.80	Total Receipts
25.50	" Disbursements
16.30	Bal on hand

Catherine P. Sandy Secy. Treas.

1943 - 1944

"Again - Surprise Programs
Coupled with
Comments on Decisive Battles of America"

Our printed programs contained this quotation to which we all add a hearty "Amen"
"God grant when tyranny shall fall
And all its power has passed,
When freedom has been won for all,
This war shall be the last!"

In January we learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. C. S. Huff, our last charter member and founder, who still retained active membership in the club.
Miss Erma Cox was elected to fill the vacancy.
At the Annual Meeting the following officers were chosen
President - Mrs. Byram
Vice-President - Mrs. Chas. Patton
Secy-Treasurer Mrs. Sandy

Financial Statement 1943-44

Balance on hand	16.30
Dues	19.00
Christmas Donation	10.50
	45.80

Disbursements:

Programs	10.00
Tuberculosis Bond	5.00
Magazines for Camp Atterbury	10.50
Flowers (Mrs. Huff)	7.15
Bank Charge	1.59
	34.24

45.80	Total Receipts
34.24	" Disbursements
11.56	Bal. on hand

Catherine G. Sandy
Secy. Treas.

1944-1945

Again surprise programs.

The pattern of the years work was almost identical with that of the two previous years—miscellaneous subjects which covered an almost unbelievable range. However there were no responses, and, as before, no social events of any kind.

In January Mrs. H. H. Patton resigned as an active member of the Club and in March we were shocked to learn of the death of Anna Hinson Mayor while on a visit to her daughter in Texas. Later in the year Mrs. Williams resigned having moved to Pasadena, Cal. All three were cherished members and we grieve to lose them but are glad to have Mrs. Patton as an associate member.

Two of these vacancies were filled by the election to membership of Mrs. Lida Prewitt and Mrs. Donald Kennedy.

At the request of the associate members an amendment was made to No 3 of the By-laws making it read: The annual

dues of active members shall be one dollar and of associate members one and one half dollars payable before the third regular meeting of the club year".
The officers of 1943-44 were re-elected.

Financial Statement

Balance on hand		11.56
Dues		20.00
Christmas donation		11.00
		42.56
Disbursements:		
Health Bond	5.00	
Magazines	10.50	
American Red Cross	5.00	
Candy (Miss Guthridge)	1.50	
Flowers (Anna Major)	7.00	
Cards and stamps	1.10	
		30.10
		12.46

Balance at close of year $12.46

Catherine G. Candy
Secy. Treas.

1945-1946

Another year of surprise programs. The subjects chosen were of a miscellaneous nature and were much enjoyed.

During the year Mrs. McNutt, a member since 1905, resigned from active membership and her name was placed on the associate list.

Mrs. Grimes was elected to membership. and at the last meeting of the year Mrs. Grafton Kivett resigned.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-laws.

Instead of a Christmas offering the money contributed was used for the Emergency Food Fund.

At the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:

President - Mrs. Poston
Vice-President - Mrs. Chas. Patton
Secy-Treas - Mrs. Sandy

For revised copy of the Constitution and By-laws see back of this book.

Financial Statement

Balance on hand		12.46
Dues		23.00
Donation Emergency Food Fund		7.75
		43.21
Disbursements:		
Programs	9.90	
Health Bond	5.00	
Red Cross	5.00	
Emergency Food	8.00	
Receipt books + card	.25	28.15
Balance at close of year		15.06

Catherine C. Sandy Secy-Treas.

1946 - 1947

Our club year opened with a luncheon at the home of the president, Mrs. Coston. An informall talk by Mrs. H.L. Smith of Bloomington was the featured program of the afternoon. She told of her experiences when she and her husband, Dr. Smith of Indiana University, attended an international educational meeting in New York last August, at which meeting all of the major countries except Germany and Japan were represented.

The club work of the members during the year, on selected subjects, was excellent. Substituting for Mrs. Chas. Patton, Mrs. Martha Martin of Sidell's told of her trip around S. Amerida in a freighter with plane flights over the Andes and the Interior. She added color to her account by singing (in costume) Spanish songs; playing the accompaniments on her guitar.

Louise Evens gave the work for her grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Bain, choosing for her subject, "The History of Costume" from 3000 B.C. until 1942 A.D.

Miss Evens, a student in Edgewood Park

school at Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. has done much work in costume and design and illustrated the talk with her own colored drawings.

Mrs. Donald Kennedy presented to the club Jean Brown Wagoner of Indpls, well known author, who entertained us with accounts of her writing experiences. She is best known for her biographies for children especially those of Louisa May Alcott, Jane Addams and Julia Ward Howe.

With the deepest regret and great personal grief we record the passing of Mrs. J. C. McNutt. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and especially the members of the Coterie who knew her so well and loved her so dearly.

During one of the closing meetings of the year Mrs. Bain resigned from active membership in the club and by a unanimous vote was placed on the Associate list.

The officers of the year were re-elected.

Financial Statement

Bal. on hand	15.06	Programs	8.00
Dues '46-'47	23.50	Health Bond	5.00
	38.56		13.00
		Bal. end of year	$25.56

1947 - 1948

At the opening meeting of the year an entertaining talk was given by Mrs. Clotilde Embree Funk, of Indianapolis - book and magazine illustrator. She had with her many of her original drawings, while books containing some of them had been secured from the high school library and were on display.

In October an interesting talk was given by Miss Helen Ludwig of the Educational Dept. of the L. S. Ayres Co. Her subject was "Modern Trends in Decorating", and to illustrate she showed many pieces of carpet and drapery material and samples of wall-paper.

A musical tea was given at the home of Mrs. Grimes. The program presented by Mrs. M. E. Branch, cellist and Mrs. Grimes, pianist, followed the clubs theme for the year, "Keep Up With the World". Each told, briefly of the trends through the periods of world music and at the end of each talk illustrations were given.

Substituting for Mrs. Chas. Patton, Mrs. Martha Martin, of Indpls gave a delightful talk on her travels in S. America. She also sang several S. American songs during and after her talk

Again we must record the passing of a very valuable member of the Club, Mrs. E.C. Shireman. She had been in failing health but her death came as a great shock to her many friends.
During the year Mrs. Robt. Rusie and Miss Lucy Clark were elected to membership.

At the Annual Day meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year:
Pres. Mrs. M. E. Branch
Vice-Pres. Mrs. Lida Prewitt
Secy-Treas. Miss Emma Cox.

Financial Statement

Bal. on hand		25.56
Rec'd as dues		23.00
		48.56
Disbursements:		
Sympathy cards	.50	
Programs	7.00	
Telephone calls	1.00	
Hedith Bond	5.00	
Red Cross	10.00	
Flowers (Mrs. Shireman)	8.00	31.50
		17.06

Catherine P. Sandy Secy-Treas.

1948-1949

Coterie celebrated her golden anniversity September 21, with a luncheon at the home of the President, Mrs M. E. Branch, assisted by Mrs. Grimes, Mrs. Poston and Mrs. Cartmel, the program Committee

This was a guest meeting with some being former members of Coterie. Letters were read from Mrs. Mc Ginnis, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Eglert - Corresponding members.

Talks were given by Mrs. Sandy, Mrs. M. E. Brand and Mrs. Grimes on Our yesterday - Our Today - Our Tomorrow, respectively.

Theme for the Club year "A Half Century of American Women"

A study of women in the past fifty years was made in the following fields - Education - Theatre - Music - Art & Sculpture, Science, the Professions, Organizations, Cinema, Pioneers in Adventure, In wars, Politics, As Columnists - In Literature and Women in the White House.

At the annual Meeting the following officers were re-elected, President - Mrs. M. E. Branch Vice-President - Mrs. Lida Prewitt; Secy Treasurer Miss Emma Cox.

At the last meeting of the year Mrs. Leon Gray and Mrs. Ernest A. McIlwain were elected to membership.

Financial Statement

Balance on Hands		$17.06
Received as dues		23.00
Cash gift from previous year		.50
		40.56
Disbursements		
Programs	12.00	
Health Bond	5.00	
Red Cross	5.00	
		22.00
Balance on hand June 1949		18.56

Erma Cox
Secy-Treas.

Note -
17.06 in bank
1.50 Cash on hand in purse
18.56.

1949- 1950

Our club year opened with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. F. O. Branch with Mrs. M. E. Branch, the president as hostess. Book reviews were given by the members this year - The books were current fiction, biography, history, humor and letters. At the Christmas meeting our hostess Mrs. J. H. Grimes read a letter from Santa Claus. This has been placed on file.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:
President - Lida Prewitt
Vice-President - Erma Cox
Secy-Treasurer - Mary McIlvain.

Financial Statement

Balance on hands		$ 18.56
Received as dues		25.50
		44.06
Disbursements		
Programs	$ 12.00	
Health Bond 5.00 + Red Cross 5.00	10.00	22.00
Balance on hand June 1950		22.06

Erma Cox, Secy-Treas.

1950-1951

The club year opened with the President's Day luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. V. L. Prewitt, president. Mrs. Robert Calvin was in charge of the program, presenting Mrs. Martha Martin of Indianapolis who gave an account of her travels through Europe during the summer.

Book reviews were given during the year, including fiction, biography, humor and non-fiction.

A guest meeting and tea was held on April 17th at the home of Mrs. E. A. McIlwain, with Mrs. C. W. Patton in charge of the program. Mrs. Patton introduced the book buyer from the Wm. H. Block Company of Indianapolis, who gave a resumé of current books and authors.

The Coterie was saddened by the passing of three of our beloved members, Mrs. J.L. Greene, Mrs. W. H. Patton and Mrs. C. B. Huff.

Mrs. Kenneth A. Watson was elected to membership and Mrs. I.N. Reames and Mrs. W. J. Sandy were elected to associate membership. Resiginations of membership were submitted by Miss Erma Cox and Mrs. J.H. Grimes.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:

President ---------- Lida Prewitt
Vice-President------- Margaret Read
Sec'y-Treasurer------ Mary Jane McIlwain

Mary Jane McIlwain
Secy-Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1950-1951

Balance on hand -- September 1950	$22.06	
Received as dues	24.50	
Assessment (not total membership)	8.00	
	$54.56	-- Total

Disbursements

Programs	$12.00	
Health Bond	5.00	
Xmas boxes to Camp Atteberry	10.00	
Flowers (Dec. 12, 1950)	7.50	
Flowers (Jan. 12, 1951)	7.50	
Flowers (May 11, 1951)	8.00	
	$50.00	-- Total

Total Assets	$54.56
Total Disbursements	$50.00
Balance on hand, October 1951	$ 4.56

Mary Jane McSwain
Secy - Treasurer

1951-1952

Mrs. V. L. Prewitt, president of Coterie, held the first meeting of the year at her home, on October 2, 1951. After a delightful luncheon, Mrs. F. W. Read, vice-president, presented the program, "Changing Patterns", bringing out the theme for the year.

The programs during the year discussed changing patterns in Fine Arts, Education, Religion, Radio, Television and the Theatre, and Literature.

The Coterie meetings were changed to one meeting a month, to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, with a light salad course to be served.

Mrs. Frances Schnaiter, Mrs. Paul Murrell, and Miss Margaret Greene were elected to membership, and Mrs. R. H. Egbert again became an active member.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected:

President ---------- Mrs. C. W. Patton
Vice-President---------- Mrs. W. B. Cartmel
Secy-Treasurer---------- Mrs. K. A. Watson

Mary Jane McIlwain
Secy-Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1951-1952

Balance on hand - October, 1951	$ 4.56
Received as dues	22.00
Flower Assessment	2.00
(Carry-over from 1950-51)	
Total--	$28.56

Disbursements

Programs	$13.50
Health Bond	5.00
Total--	$18.50

Total Assets	$28.56
Total Disbursements	18.50
Balance on hand, August, 1952	$10.56

Mary Jane McIlvain
Secy - Treasurer

1919-1920

Oteria opened the club year with a meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Patton, the incoming president, on October 7, 1919. After a delicious luncheon, Mrs. J. T. Bailey gave a fascinating review of the year's work in the historical and present-day conditions of people of South America. Under the program the conversation turned to <u>what I did this summer</u>, each member participating.

During the year, we discussed roll-call different topics of conversation and music in addition to the regular program.

- Officers for the coming year were elected at our annual Day Nursery Bazaar given at Mrs. Bailey's home in February. Those elected were Mrs. C. E. Patton, president; Mrs. F. L. Cartwell, vice-president; and Mrs. E. [illegible], Secy-treasurer.

Rosealice Watson
Secy. treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1952-19

Balance on Hand September, 1952 ---------$10.56

Dues Collected----------27.00

Total----------$37.56

Disubursements----------[illegible]

Balance on Hand----------[illegible]

Rosealice Watson
Secy- treas.

On September 22, members of Coterie attended a President's Day luncheon at the home of Mrs. Charles Patton. The program committee, consisting of Mrs. F.N. Shaley, Mrs. Leon Gray and Mrs. E.I. Poston, presented Mrs. Marthe Martin, world traveler and lecturer. Mrs. Martin gave an highly entertaining program on Guatemala.

Our topic for the ensuing year was The Central American Countries which proved to be a fascinating subject.

Mrs. M. E. Branch held the winter picnic at her home in January when the following slate of officers was elected: President --- -----Mrs. F. N. Shaley
Vice-President-----Mrs. Leon Gray
Secy-Treas.---------Mrs. Robert Schnaiter

Coterie regrets the passing of one od its most faithful members in the death of Mrs. W.J. Sandy.

Mrs. E.F. Branch was elected to associate membership during the year.

Rosalie Watson
Secy-Treas. 1953-54

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1953-1954

Balance on hand, Sept.,1953	$23.56
Received as dues	22.50
Flower Assessment	2.00
Misc.	1.54
Total	$49.60

Disbursements

Programs	$16.00
Flowers	15.00
Total	$31.00

Total Receipts	$49.60
Total Disbursements	31.00
Balance on Hand	$18.60

Rosalice Watson
Secy-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT --1954 - 1955

Balance on hand October 1954 ----------	$18.60
Received as dues ----------	$25.00
Total ----------	$43.60
Disbursements	
Programs ----------	$16.00
Total Assets ----------	$43.60
Total Disbursements ----------	$16.00
Balance on hand September 1955	$27.60

Frances P. Schnaiter
Secy-Treasurer

1954 ---1955

The Coterie opened their year's study program with a delicious luncheon at the home of the Pres. Mrs. F. N. Shaley. The programme committee consisting of Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. McIlwain and Mrs. Murrell assisted.

The year's study "Some Other People's Lives" had been chosen.for the year with one member to represent the field of medicine, music, religion, entertainment, industry, literature and women in politics.

Responses were to be comparable to the program presented.

At the Annual Day and mid winter picnic at the home of Mrs. Rusie the following officers were elected:

President ----------Mrs. F. N. Shaley
Vice President -------Mrs. Leon Gray

Secretary-Treasurer ---Mrs. Robert Schnaiter.

The club deeply regrets losing on of its beloved members- Mrs. Edith Byram who has moved to Chicago. Mrs. Walter Gano was welcomed as a new member.

Frances P. Schnaiter
Sec - Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1955 - 1956

Balance on hand September 1955 ----------	$27.60
Received as dues ----------	$23.00
Total	$50.60

Disbursements

Books purchased thru Public Library -----	$6.34
Flowers in appreciation of programs by Mrs Paul Murrell to Gano's ----------	$5.00
Misc. ----------	$ .50
TOtal ----------	$11.84

Total Assets ----------	$50.60
Total Disbursements ----------	$11.84
Balance on hand September, 1956	$38.76

Frances P. Schnaiter
Sec-Treasurer

1955--1956

The Coterie opened the season with a luncheon at the home of the President Mrs. F. N. Shaley with the programme committee assisting.

The year's study "Some Other People's Lives" is to be continued from the proceeding year - selecting the life of one outstanding person representing the field selected such as science, aviation, human service, pros and cons of modern education, the theatrical world, literature and verse, sports and T. V. personalities.

The club voted to give two books to the Public Library and chose " All the Women of the Bible" by Edith Deen and "How to Watch Birds" by Roger Barton.

Miss Irma Cox was welcomed back into the membership of the Coterie. Mrs. Donald Kennedy has tendered her resignation. Mrs. Gordon Gray and Mrs.Merrill Davee have been welcomed as new members.

An amendment to article 1V of the Coterie Constitution presented and prepared by Mrs. Rusie and Mrs. Read received an affirmative vote.

Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Murrell have asked to have their names placed on the inactive list.

New officers were elected at the early spring picnic and Annual day held at the home of Mrs Gray on Beanblossom Lake. The officers:

Mrs. Leon Gray --------- President
Mrs. Lucy Calvin ---------Vice President
Mrs. Walter Gano ---------Secretary- Treasurer.

Frances P. Schmaiter
Secy- Treasurer

CONSTITUTION

Article I

This Club shall be known as the Coterie.

Article II

The object of this Club shall be to promote the intellectual and social culture of its members.

Article III

Sec. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Program Committee consisting of three members.

Sec. 2. All officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in February by an absolute majority vote of the membership, except the Program Committee, which shall be appointed by the President-elect within two weeks after her election These officers shall enter upon their respective duties at the first meeting of the following club year, except the Program Committee, whose duty it shall be to proceed at once to the preparation of the program for the ensuing year.

Sec. 3. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices in similar organizations.

Sec. 4. Election for membership shall be by ballot at the next regular meeting following the presentation of a name to the club.

Sec. 5. Only active members may present or endorse names for membership and no member may present more than one name in the same club year.

Sec. 6. Three negative votes shall defeat a candidate for membership.

Article IV

Sec. 1. The membership of this Club shall be classified as follows: Active, Corresponding and Associate.

Sec. 2. The active membership shall not exceed twenty members and the associate not more than four; such members having been transferred from the active list because of inability to carry on the active work of the club.

Sec. 3. The name of a person proposed for membership shall be presented to the club in writing, with the endorsement of two members other than the one presenting the name

BY-LAWS

No. 1. The regular meetings shall be on Tuesday afternoons, dates fixed by the Program Committee.

No 2. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

No. 3. The annual dues of active members shall be one dollar and of associate members one dollar and fifty cents, payable before the third regular meeting of the club year.

No. 4. The duties of each member shall be as follows: To entertain the club at one regular meeting annually; to perform all the duties assigned by the program committee; to attend all meetings unless unavoidably prevented.

No. 5. Any member who finds herself unable to attend a meeting shall, upon her first knowledge of same, notify the hostess.

No. 6. Membership may be terminated by—(1) resignation; (2) non-payment of dues; (3) failure to perform any of the duties contained in Article 4 of the By-Laws without notifying the chairman of the program committee.

No. 7. In the event of the death of a member the secretary shall send flowers to the family. In the event of the death of a relative of a member the secretary shall send a note of condolence to said member.

No. 8. Any member having lost membership by removal from the city or continued absence from the city during club year shall be transferred to the Corresponding list.

No. 9. This Constitution and By-Laws shall become binding immediately upon its adoption by a majority vote of its members.

The above was adopted by the club June 4. 1946

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